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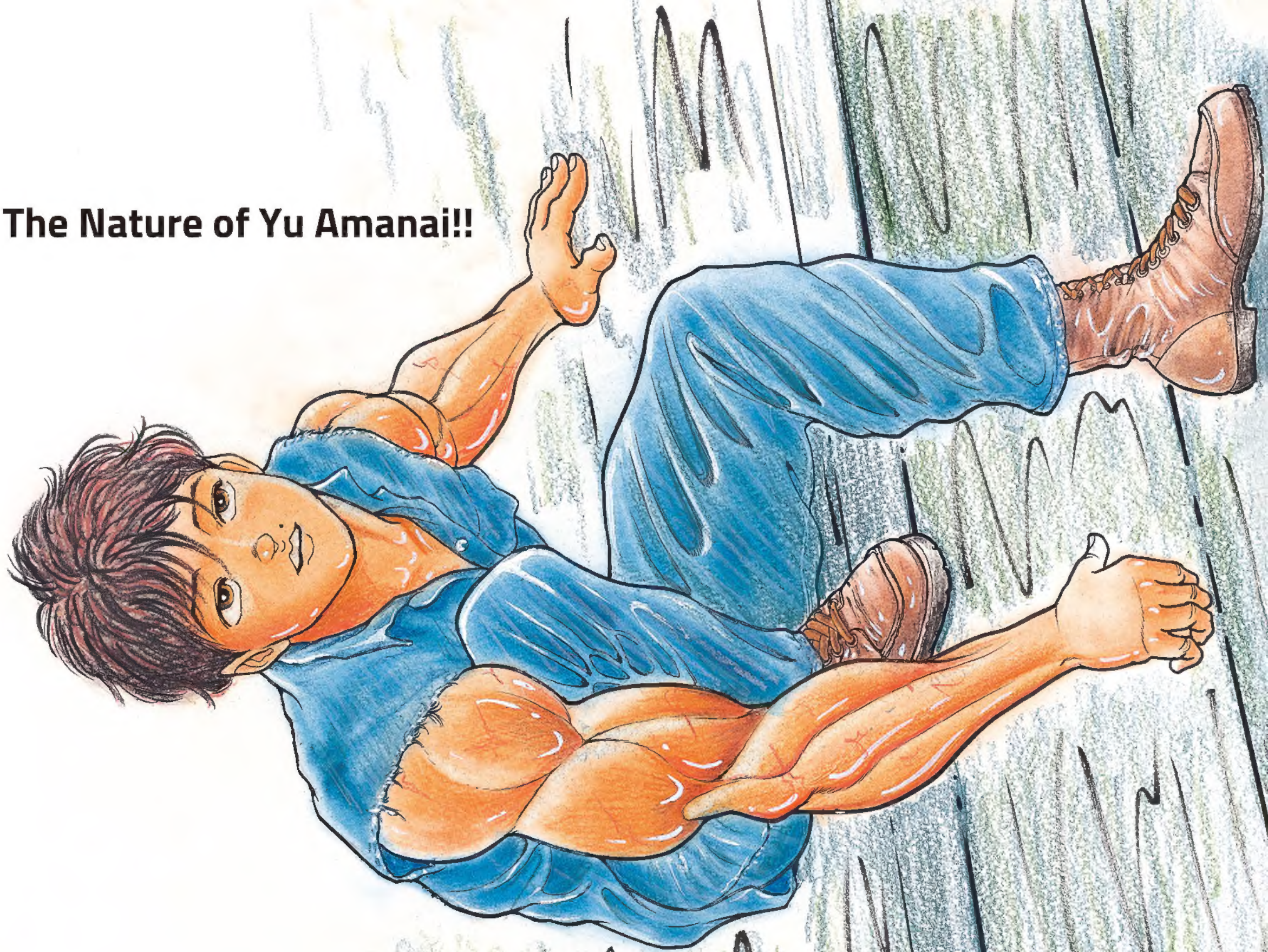
#270 The Nature of Yu Amanai!!



SORRY ABOUT THAT, KIDDO.

COME BACK, DAD!

ENOUGH!

WASN'T VERY MATURE OF ME TO DELIVER THE *DEATH STROKE* LIKE THAT.

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SHMP
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…!
…!
THE MATCH IS OV...
...ER ...?

IT'S NOT OVER YET !!!
...
DAD...
GIMME THE TOWEL.
WHAT'S WITH THAT SCOWL?
HAND ME THE TOWEL.
I WORKED UP A NICE SWEAT.

BWAP
WHEEZE

FWING
BWOO

THEY BOTH DODGED EACH OTHER!

AMANAI IS JUST FINE!!!

WOOOO

HEY.

SLOO

...

YOU DON'T NEED TO GO THAT FAR FOR THIS MATCH.

GIVE IT UP, AMANAI.

THIS FIGHT ISN'T WORTH SPLITTING YOUR HEAD AND SHEDDING BLOODY TEARS OVER.

YOU'LL DIE IF YOU KEEP THIS UP. THAT'S THE TRUTH...

SKF

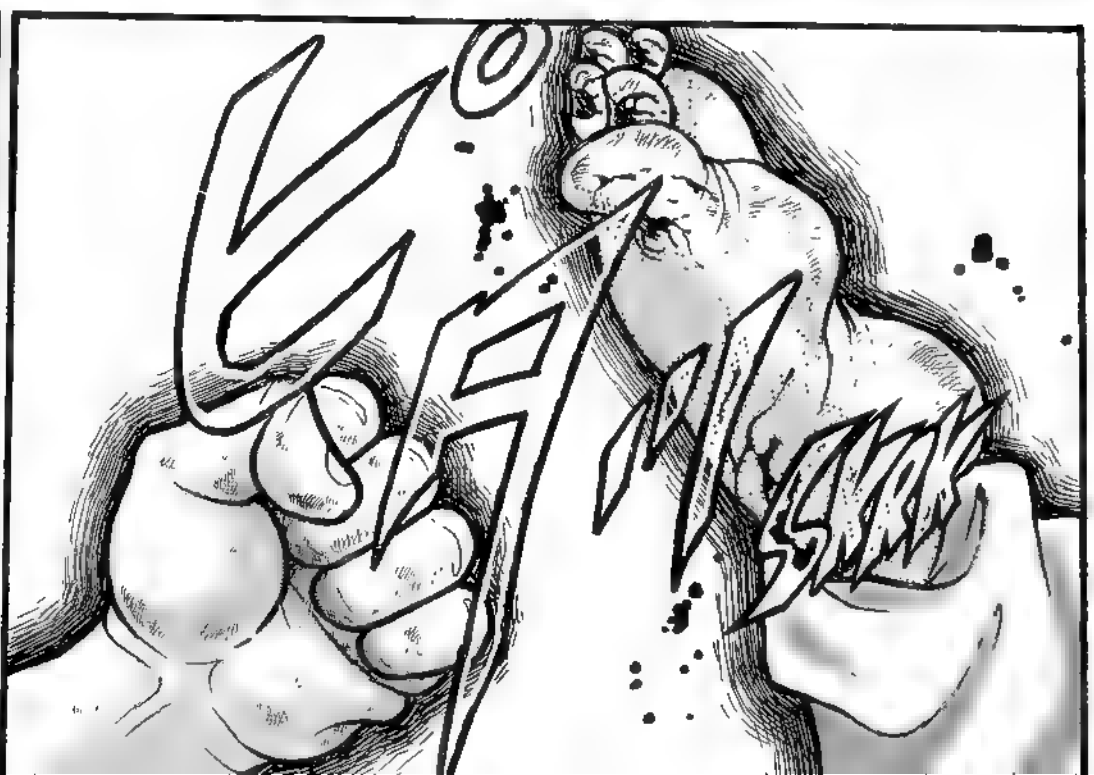
NO WAY! A MID-AIR FIGHT?!

AMANAI JUST DOESN'T LEARN! HE STRIKES FROM THE SKIES ONCE MORE!!!

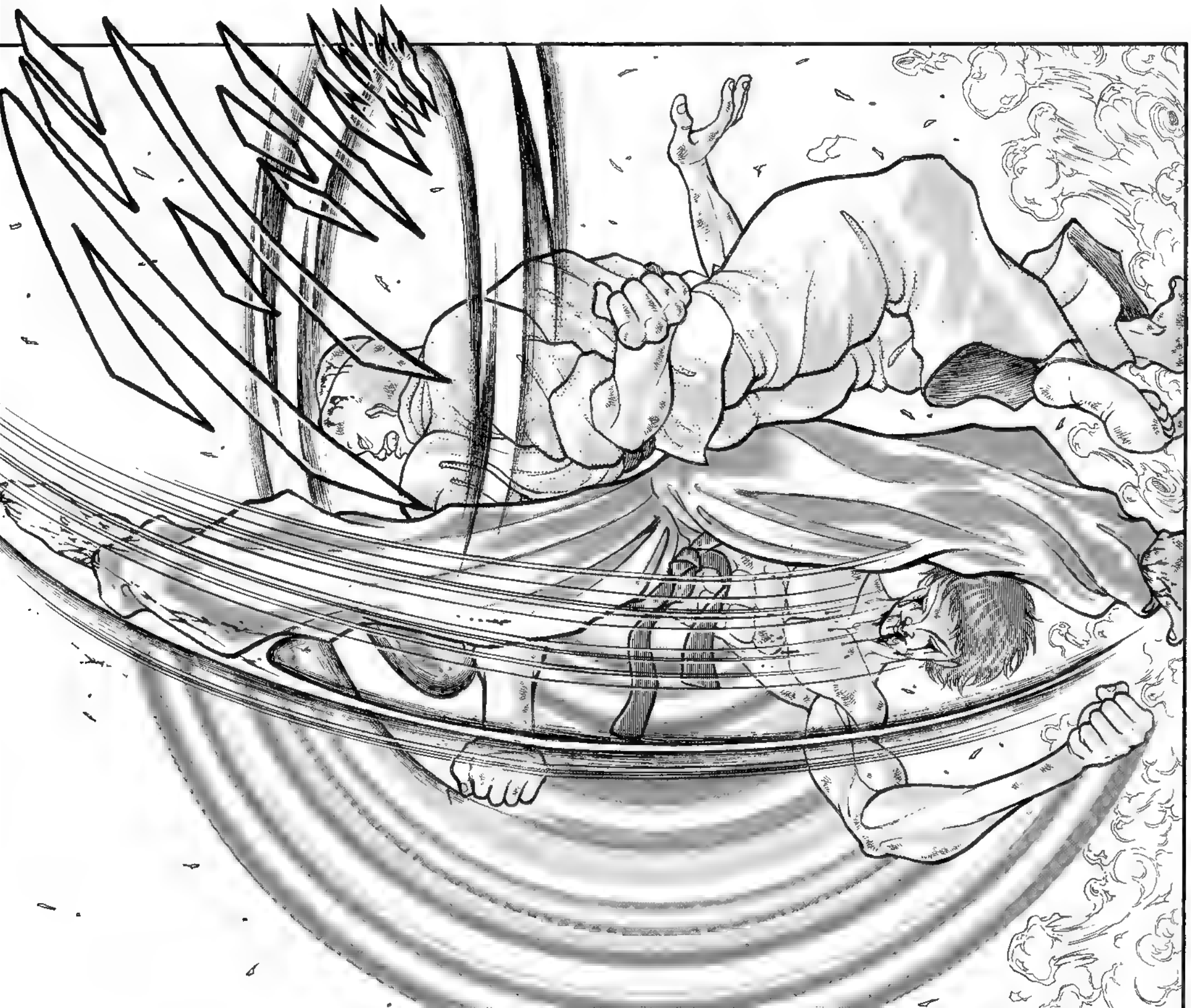
YOU DOPE!

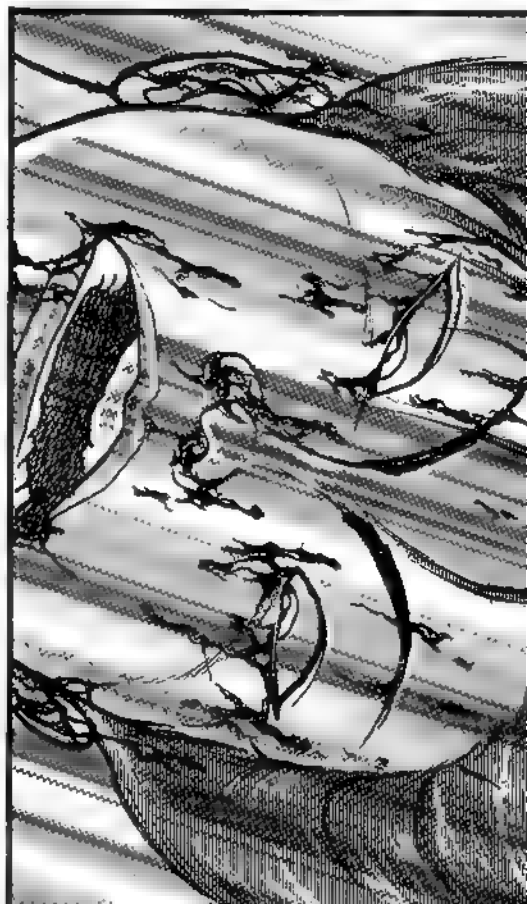
SHWOOF

BWOO


SSHRK

HELL





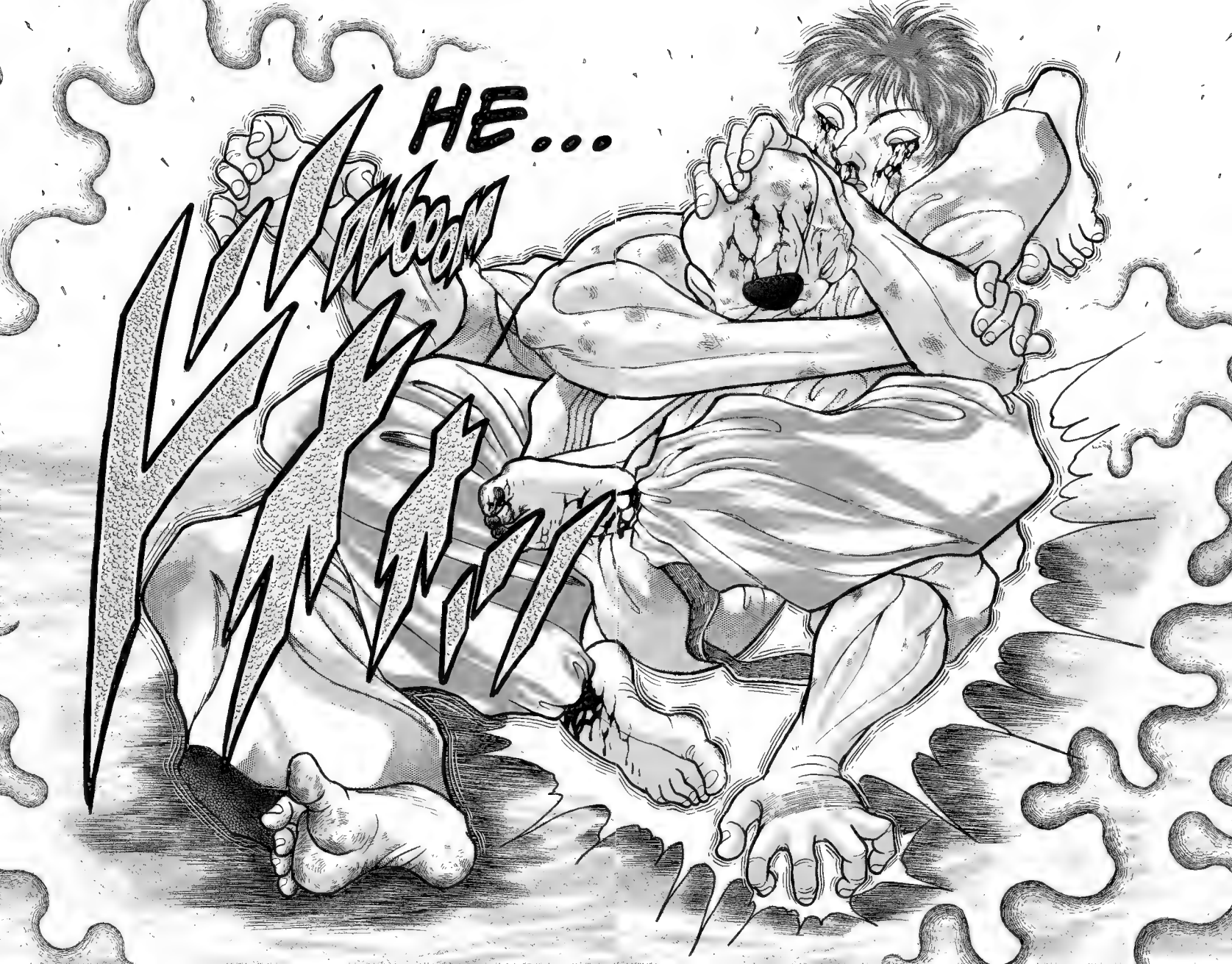
GRAK
SHOO

OH!

GRRAK

IT'S NOT CINCHED IN!

CHEH!


HE...
KABOOM

HE'S...

S...

HE'S LEARNED HOW TO READ HIS MOVES?!

STOP THIS...!!!

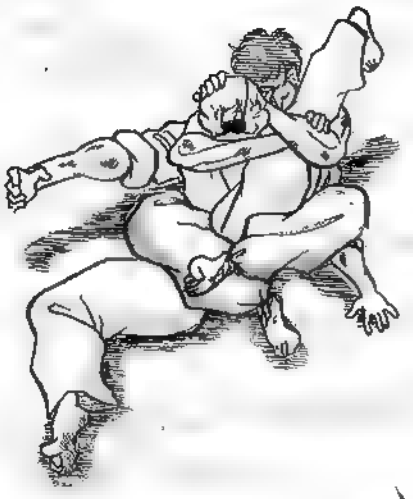
THAT'S RIGHT.

I HAD A READ ON YOU EVER SINCE YOU HESISTATED TO FINISH ME OFF...

I COULD SEE THAT YOU'D END UP LIKE THIS!!!

BRAK

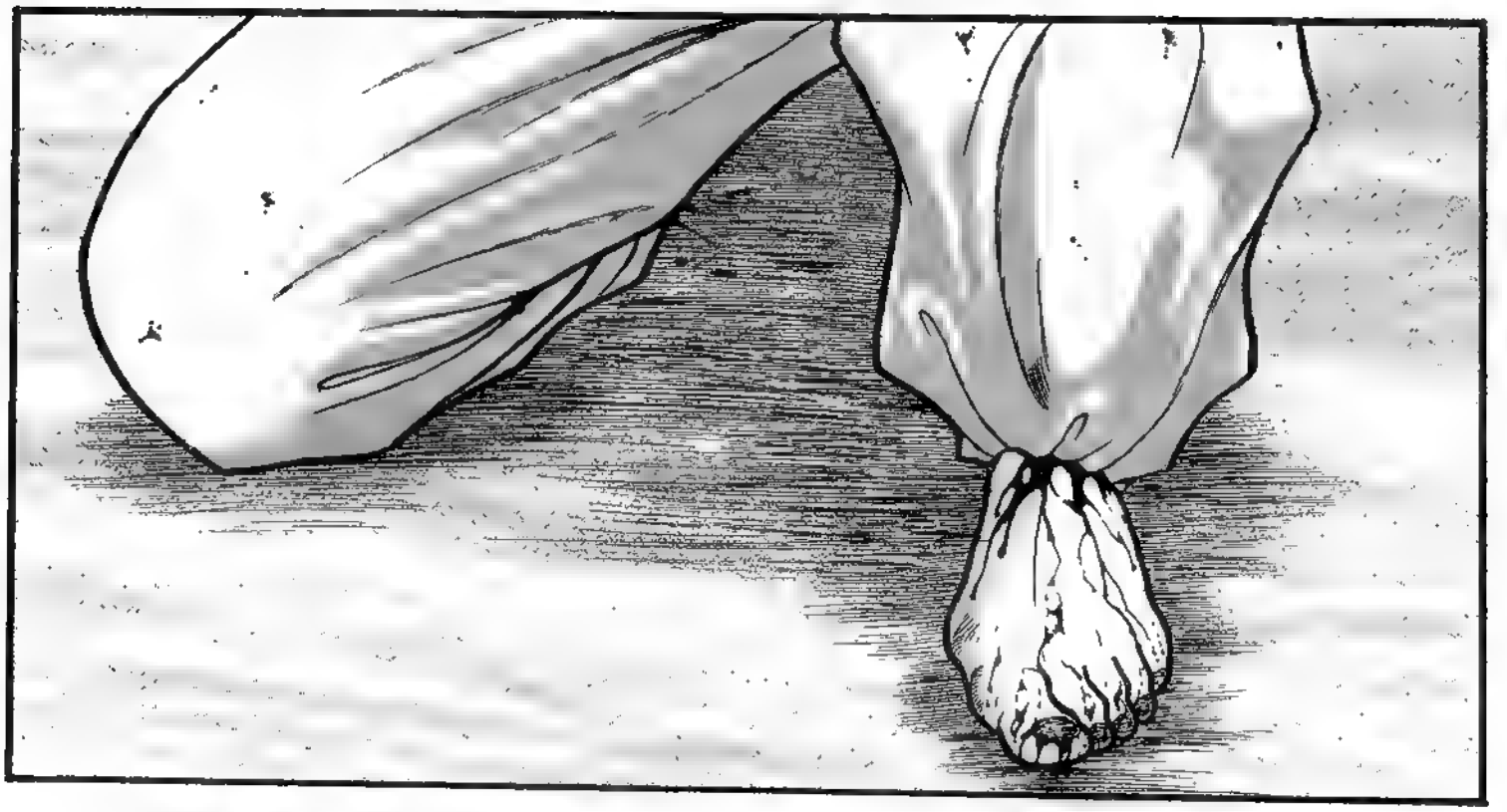
#271 Please Acknowledge It!!

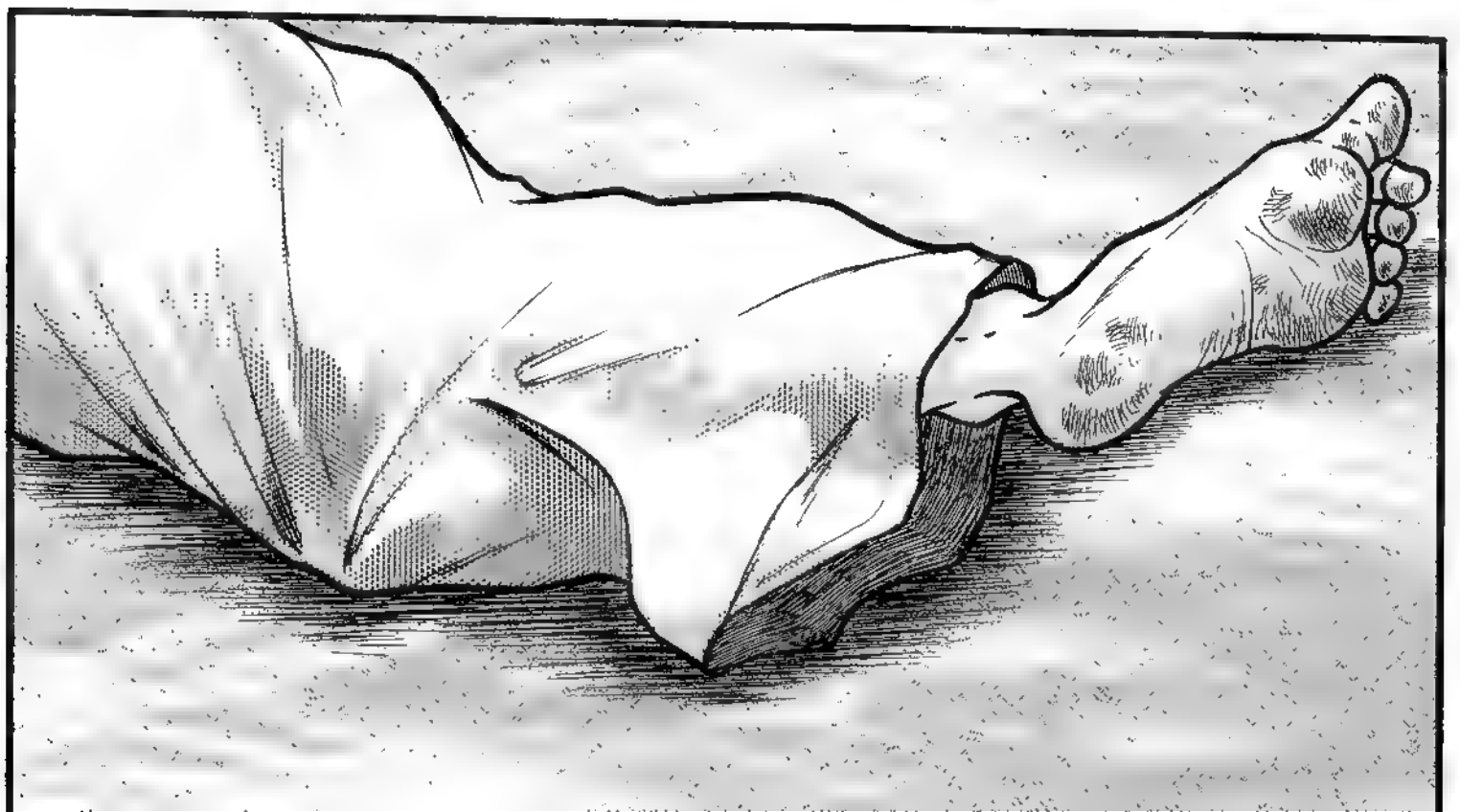


HE REALLY SNAPPED IT!

HE SNAPPED IT!

HIS KNEE ....!





LIKE THIS, THERE'S *NO POINT* IN YOU CONTINUING THIS FIGHT.

IT'S JUST AS YOU WERE SAYING...

KRAH

館長

...!

NO POINT, HUH?
YOU REALLY THINK SO?

WHA...?!

I HAD A COOL COUNTER, BUT ALL YOUR *DAWDLING* THREW OFF MY TIMING.

HIS KNEE IS DESTROYED !

I'M POSITIVE !

NOW, COME ON.
LET'S GET BACK TO BUSINESS.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I CAN'T.

SO YOU'RE GIVING UP?

OHO.

I HAVE WON THIS MATCH.

PLEASE, ACKNOWL-EDGE IT!

YOU *MUST* KNOW THAT.

THERE ARE NO KARATE TECHNIQUES YOU CAN DO WITHOUT THE USE OF YOUR KNEE.

ACTUALLY, THIS SITUATION IS *JUST FINE.*

THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT KARATE WAS MADE FOR.
A STYLE OF FIGHTING THAT ALLOWS WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO DEFEAT GROWN MEN...

A HANDICAP LIKE THIS IS PERFECT FOR A MATCH AGAINST A WHELP LIKE YOU.

YOU KNOW FULL WELL OF WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF!

IMPOS-SIBLE.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE MY VICTORY!!!

MR. TOKU-GAWA !!!

NOBLE ELDER!

THERE IS NO POINT IN CONTINUING THIS FIGHT!

ARE YOU TRYING TO RECREATE *ANCIENT ROME*, WHERE SLAVES WERE SENT TO *DIE IN THE ARENA?!*

DO YOU WISH TO SEE *MORE OF THIS?!*

WHAT GIVES YOU THAT RIGHT ?!

WHAT THE FUCK IS HE RANTING ABOUT?

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE IT!!!

ALL OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE!

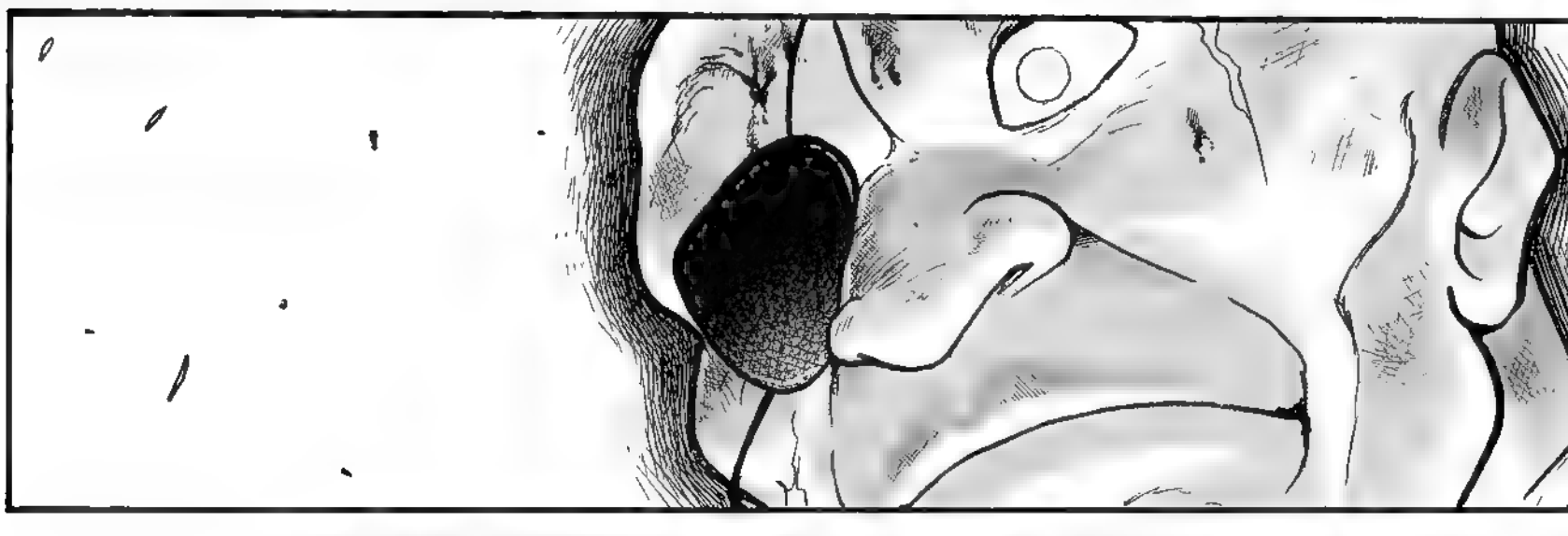
IF THIS FIGHT CONTINUES, MASTER OROCHI *WILL* DIE!

IF YOU TELL ME TO KEEP FIGHTING, THEN—

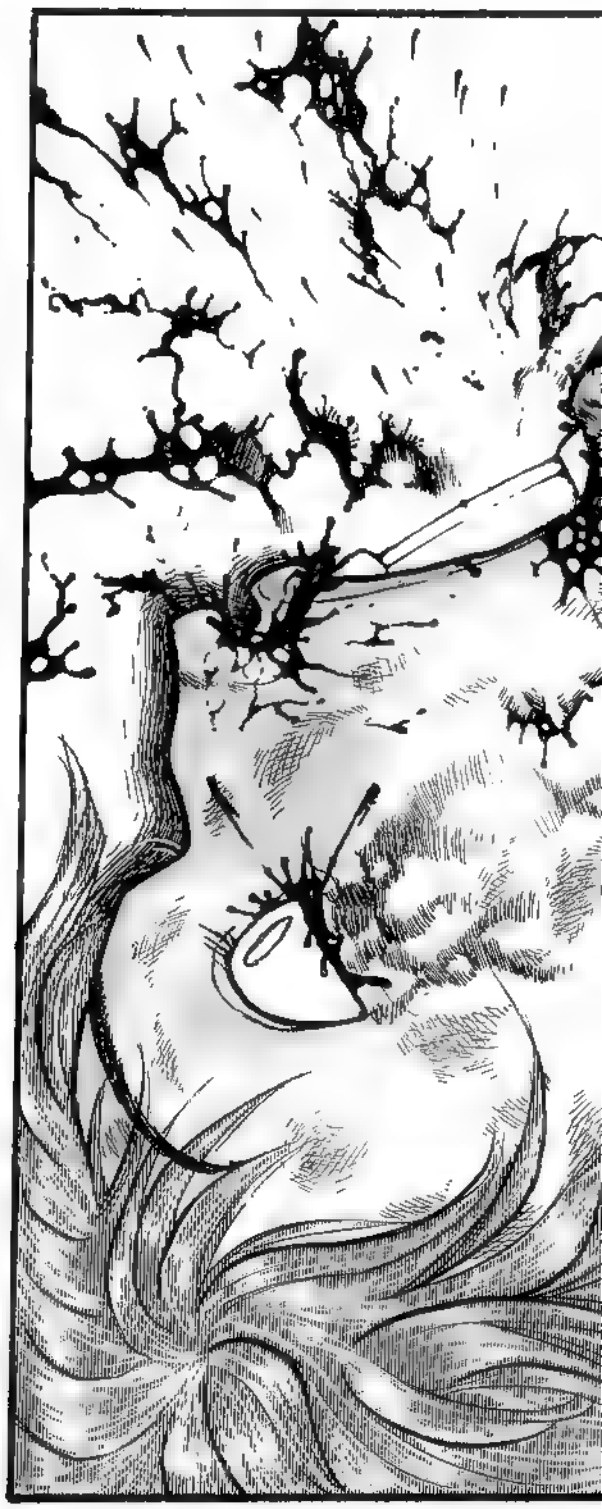
HEY.

HUH?

館長



YOU
COWARD!



#272 Idea of Combat

YOU...

...COWARD
!!!

BEGGING YOUR FOE LIKE THIS... MAKES YOU THE EMBODIMENT OF *WEAKNESS!!!*

...!

BEGONE !!!

DWOOM

KOOO
!!!

BAKI'S IN THE ARENA !!!

IT'S BAKI !

GET OUT OF HERE, RIGHT NOW...

IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT THAT *NAIVE THINKING* WILL TURN YOU INTO...

...LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THAT!!!

青竜

青竜

THE IDEA OF APPLYING *FRIENDSHIP, BONDS,* AND *LOVE* TO THE SIMPLE ACT OF DESTROYING THE HUMAN BODY...

...IS JUST LIKE DUMPING HONEY ON FINE CUISINE!!!

...AND HOW IT COMPROMISES THE *PURITY OF BATTLE*...

IF YOU WANT A LESSON IN HOW THAT MINDSET DISTANCES YOU FROM *VICTORY*...

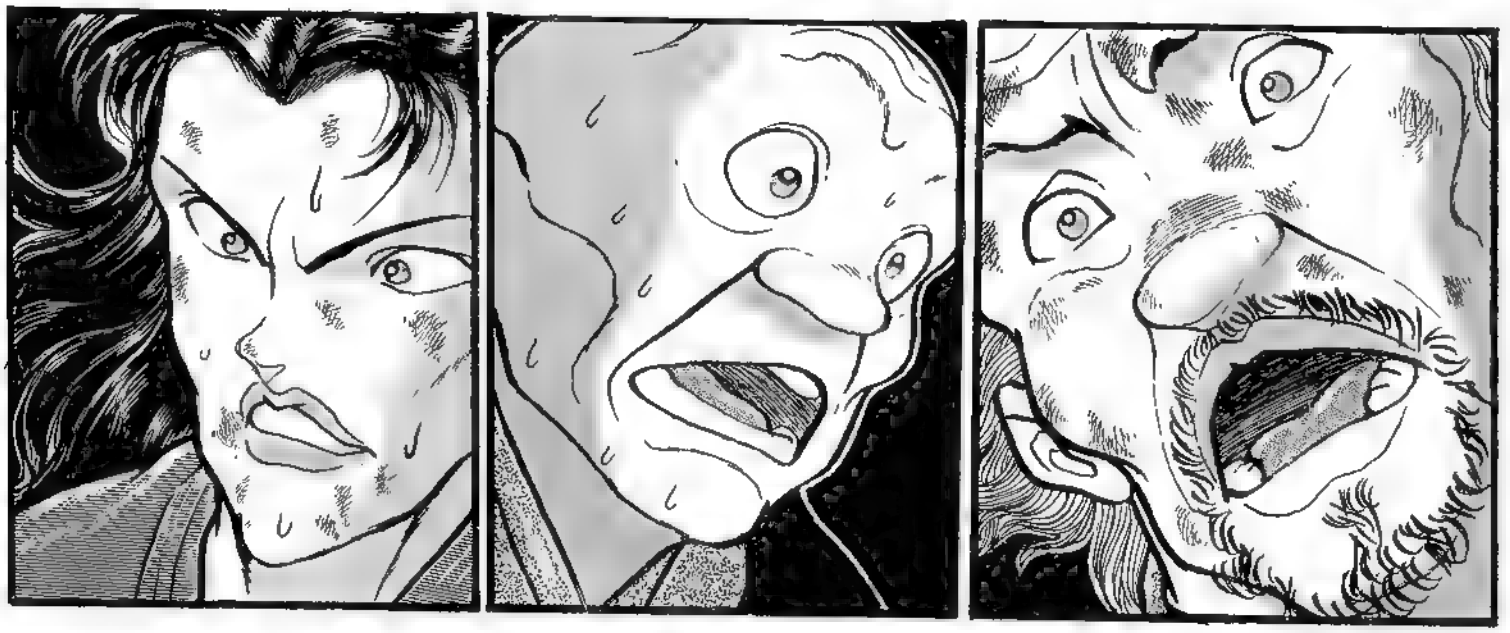
...THEN ENGRAVE THE IMAGE OF AMANAI INTO YOUR MIND...

...AND LEARN WELL !!!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU THIS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST NECESSARY ELEMENT OF FIGHTING?

I'VE NEVER GIVEN IT ANY THOUGHT.



FIGHTING IS SIMPLY THE SAME AS EATING GOOD FOOD.

MITSUNARI.

YOU'RE IN A FIX NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD YOUR TOURNAMENT DISRUPTED LIKE THIS.

WHA ...?

SO I'M GOING TO HELP YOU OUT, *BIG TIME.*

NINE AT ONCE...

GET THE NINE PEOPLE REMAINING IN THE WAITING ROOM OUT HERE!!!

#273 The Nine People!!

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT REAL FIGHTING IS ALL ABOUT !!!

GET THE NINE WHO MADE IT OUT HERE!!!

虎

WOOO
...!!!
OGRE.

武

YOU'VE REALLY MADE ME LOOK LIKE A FOOL HERE.

...BUT WOULDN'T IT BE WISER TO BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR YOUR FRIENDS TO ARRIVE?

FEEL FREE TO TRY TO SHOW OFF IN FRONT OF YOUR WIFE...

TH-THAT PERSON IS...

...STRONG!!!

"WAIT," MY ASS.

!

YOU...

THE TOURNAMENT SHOULD NOT CONCLUDE IN THIS MANNER.

!

LEAVE THIS MATTER TO US.

AS A WINNER, YOU NEEDN'T TAKE PART IN THIS.

白虎
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THERE ARE *NINE* OF US, AFTER ALL.
ARE WE NOT UP TO THE TASK, MR. OGRE?
92

HOW DARE YOU *LOSING DOGS* LASH BACK AT ME...

...!!!
...!!!
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
HE WAS SO FAST THAT I COULDN'T TELL!

IRON MICHAEL TOOK A SWING AT HIM!
...!

GLOO

THAT'S A BOXING STANCE !!!
YUJIRO'S DOING BOXING TOO!!!

KAH!

HE KNOCKED OUT MICHAEL ...

...USING BOXING!!!

WAAAAAAAAAA!!

YOU'RE JUST A PACK OF FOOLS!

TEN SECONDS IS ALL I NEED TO TAKE YOU DOWN!!!

01:00

#274 Hunting Prey

01:80

02:50

SQUASH

02:40

03:50

RICHARD FILTH, SELF-PROCLAIMED OWNER OF THE BEST FISTS IN THE WORLD, IS BROKEN.

NOOO!

SWAP!

03:60

04:50

05:10

PLEASE, SHOW ME YOUR BELOVED JUDO.

06:10

HERE WE GO.

05:30

HE'S GOING TO FIGHT HATANAKA IN JUDO !!!

EEE-RYAAAH !!!

08:00

!!!

08:10

...GOT REVERSED BY FORCE!!!

HATANAKA'S SHOULDER CARRY...

09:50

?!

SHHHH...

11:30

SHHH
SHH
SHH!

THAT'S TERRIBLE!

HE'S IN THE DOUBLE-ARM PEE POSE!

PFFT!

15:00

16:10

16:00

GET BETTER.

16:13
ALL-JAPAN JUDO'S KOHEI HATANAKA.

CRASH

KRIK

CERVICAL VERTEBRAE DAMAGED.

KINRYU-ZAN IS CHARGING STRAIGHT AT HIM!!!

18:30

18:50

!!!

19:50

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SKR
SKR

19:10

HE STOPPED IT!

HE STOPPED THE YOKOZUNA'S TACKLE!!!

21:00

SHOVE

23:00

23:50

SKRR

23:80

...!

23:70

SKR
SKRRR
25:80
HE PUSHED HIM BACK HEAD-ON!

KRIK

KRIK

26:00

28:00

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SPINE

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THE YOKOZUNA
KINRYUZAN.
DAMAGE TO
SPINAL CORD.

30:00

31:50

31:60

KICKBOXER ROB ROBINSON.
OPEN FRACTURE OF FEMUR.

HE REALLY IS THE STRONGEST ON EARTH !!!

HE'S NOT HUMAN!

OMIGOD! HE'S GRABBED ISTAZ!

33:00

PA-TIK

35:00
ROLAND ISTAZ.
DAMAGE TO
CERVICAL
VERTEBRAE.

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, DOCTOR.

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I'VE BEEN WANTING TO FIGHT YOU...

#275 The Winners

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I'VE BEEN WANTING TO FIGHT YOU...

SHMP

EVER SINCE I SAW YOUR MATCH WITH MY SON, BAKI...

I'VE BEEN EATING ALL THESE *LEFTOVERS,* BUT THEY JUST AREN'T HITTING THE SPOT. YOU, HOWEVER, ARE *DIFFERENT...*

SHINSEKAI

...YOU CAUGHT MY *INTEREST.*

SHMP

FEELING HELPLESS ON YOUR OWN?

WHAT'S WRONG?

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...!!!

YUJIRO, STOP THIS...

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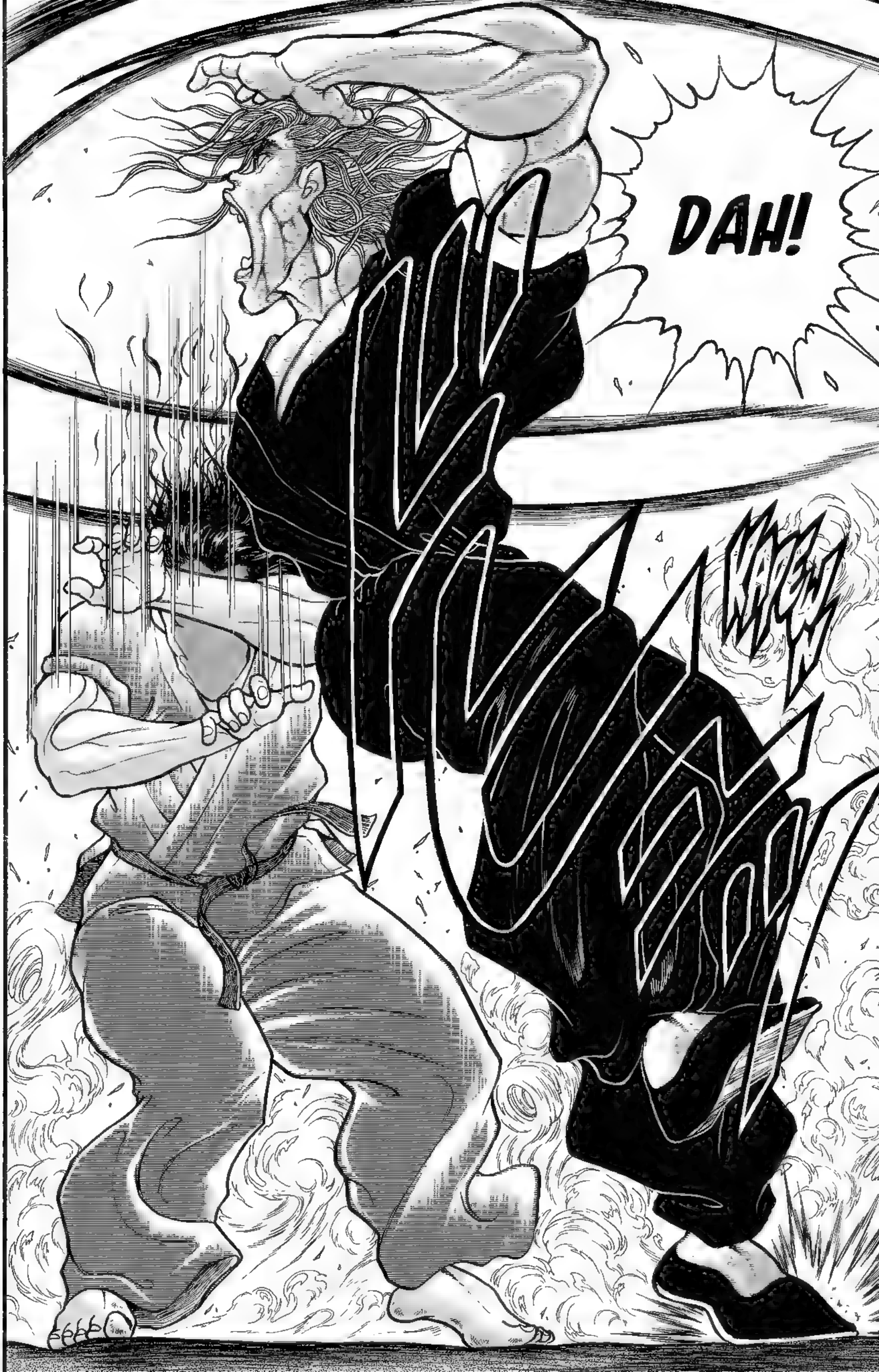
SWF

SO... CAN THE CORNERED MOUSE BARE ITS TEETH AT THE CAT?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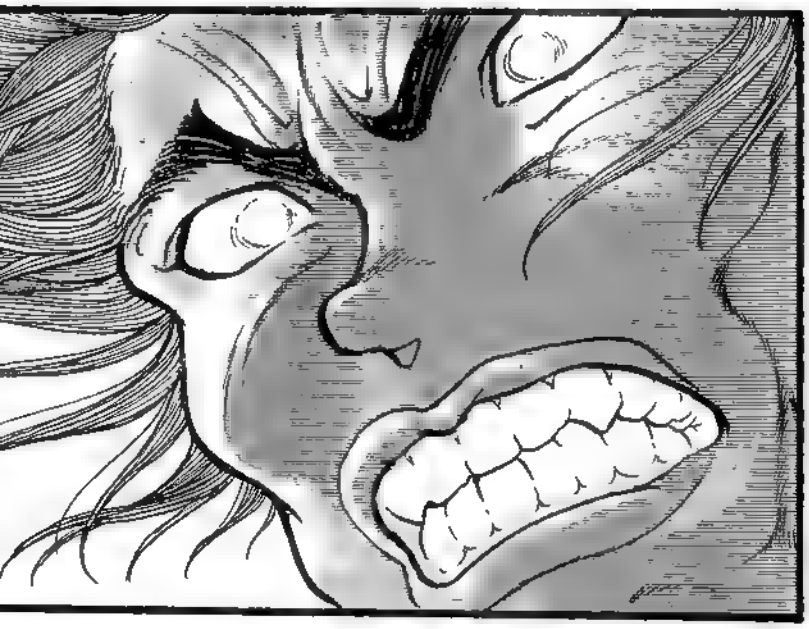

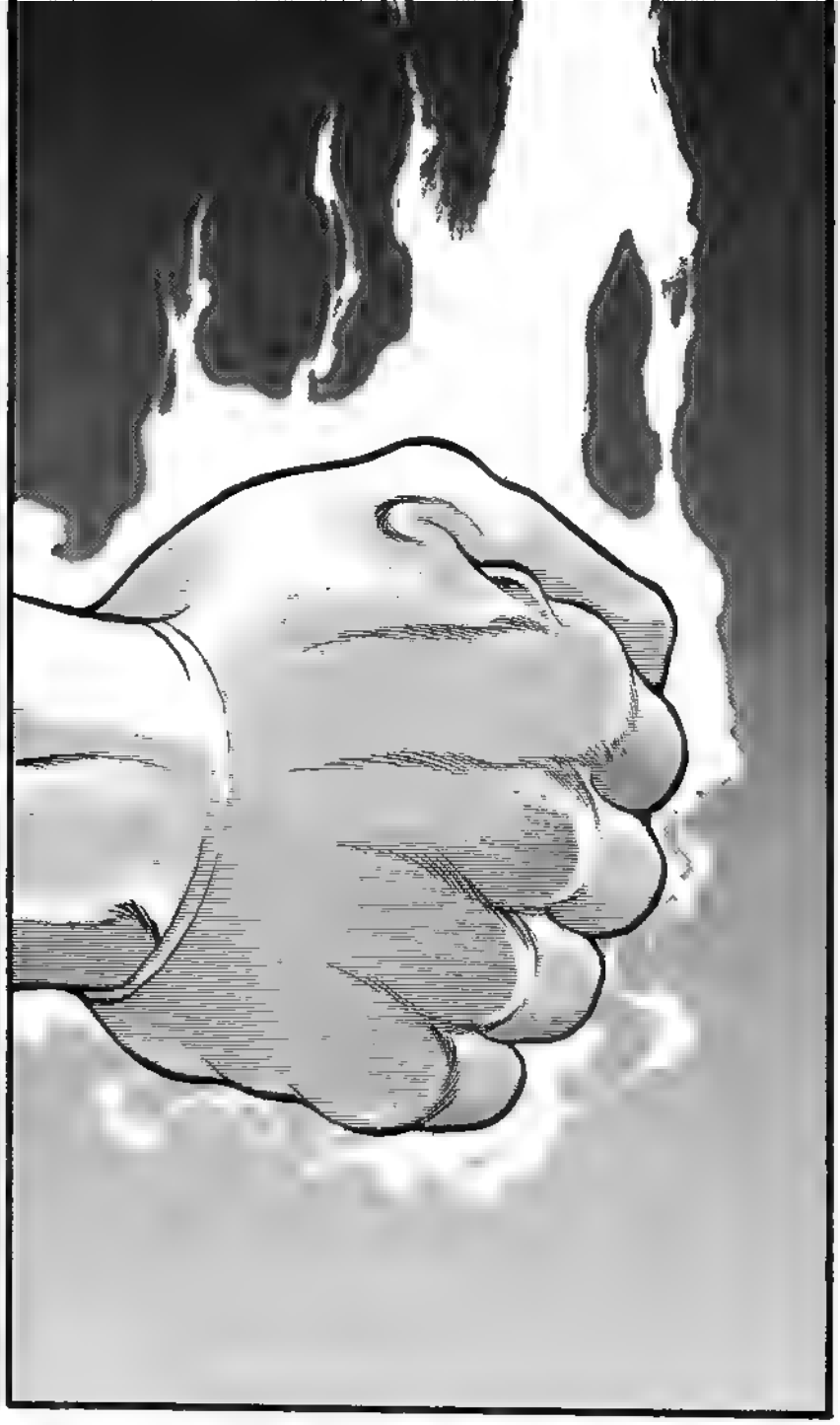

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KOSHO!

I MUST INSIST THAT YOU STEP BACK FROM THIS ONE.

BIG BROTHER.

HIS LITTLE BROTHER, KOSHO SHINOGI, IS HERE!

IT'S KOSHO!

...!!!

FACING SOMEONE WHO ALREADY LOST MUST BE DREADFULLY BORING.

MR. OGRE.

I SHALL TAKE YOU ON.

HEH HEH...

SEE HOW IT CHANGES PEOPLE?

THAT IS WHAT *VICTORY* DOES TO PEOPLE.

EVEN A *SCRAWNY INSECT* TURNS INTO A *MIGHTY LION* IN JUST OVER AN HOUR.

REGARDLESS, YOU STILL DON'T STAND A CHANCE.

HOWEVER, KOSHO.

IT'S *INSULTING* THAT YOU WOULD EVEN *THINK* THAT YOUR KARATE WOULD BE able TO GO UP AGAINST ME.

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...THAT I COULDN'T USE ON MY BROTHER, EVEN IN A COMPETITIVE MATCH.

THERE ARE SOME TECHNIQUES...

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THIS MAN...!
THE RUSSIAN...!

I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS RUFFIAN IS...

...BUT YOUR BODY IS STILL HURT FROM YOUR MATCH.

HEY NOW, MR. AMATEUR WRESTLER.
...
GALLEN.
...!
LEAVE THIS MATTER TO ME.
NO CUTTING IN LINE.

MAYBE PEOPLE FROM THE BOONIES IN RUSSIA HAVEN'T HEARD...

...BUT FOR THOSE WHO LIVE FOR THE MARTIAL ARTS, THE NAME "OGRE" IS RECOGNIZED ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

...HAS DREAMED OF THE DAY THEY'D GET TO USE THE SPECIAL HOLDS THEY'VE BEEN SAVING JUST FOR OGRE.

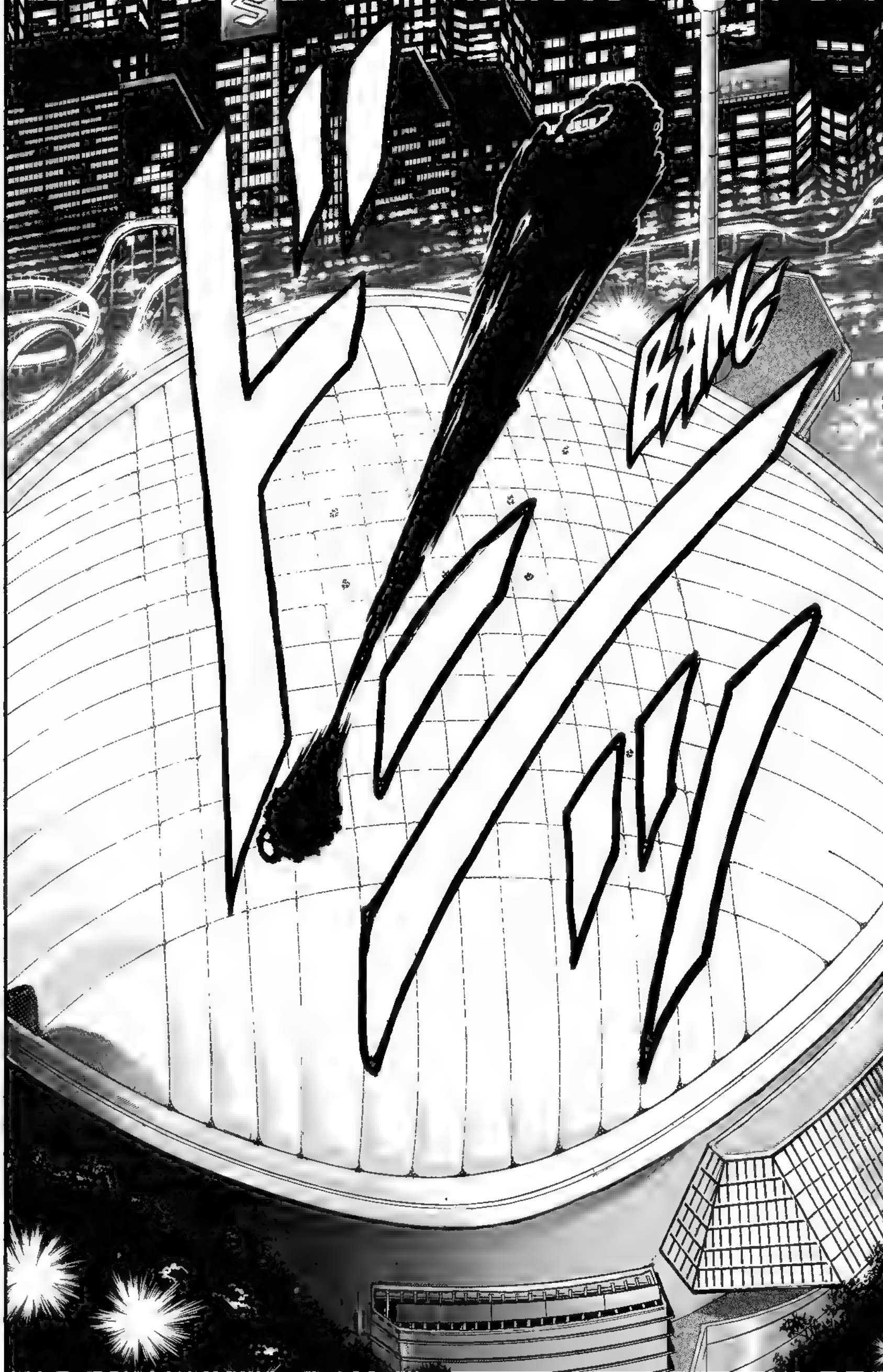
EVERYONE HERE...

WE CAN'T LET YOU HOG ALL THE SATISFACTION.

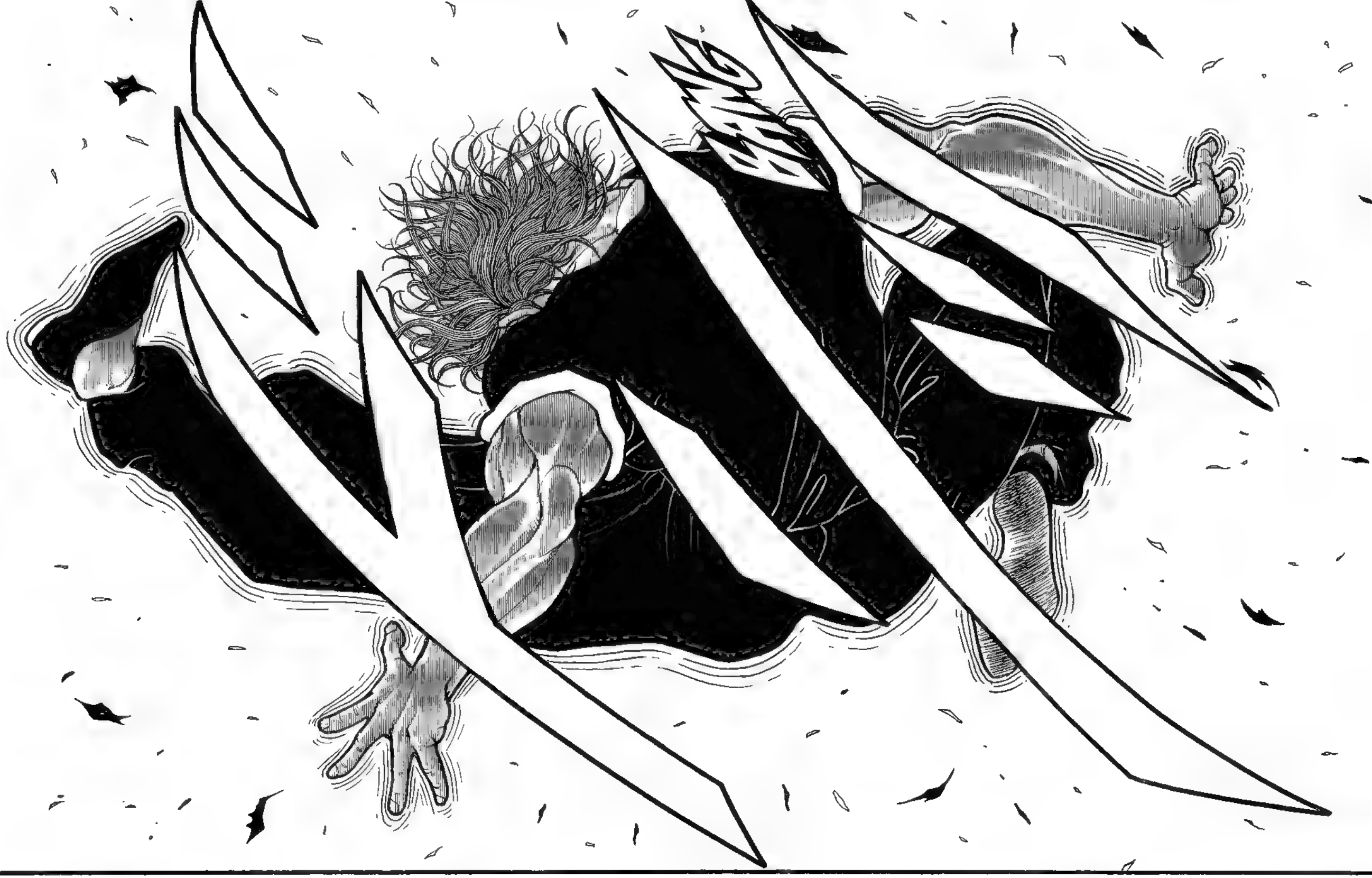
KADOOMF
YEEK!
...!

HOW DARE YOU SPOUT SUCH NONSENSE BEFORE ME...

I'LL SLAUGHTER ALL OF YOU FOOLS!!!


BANG

#276 The Ogre's Groan



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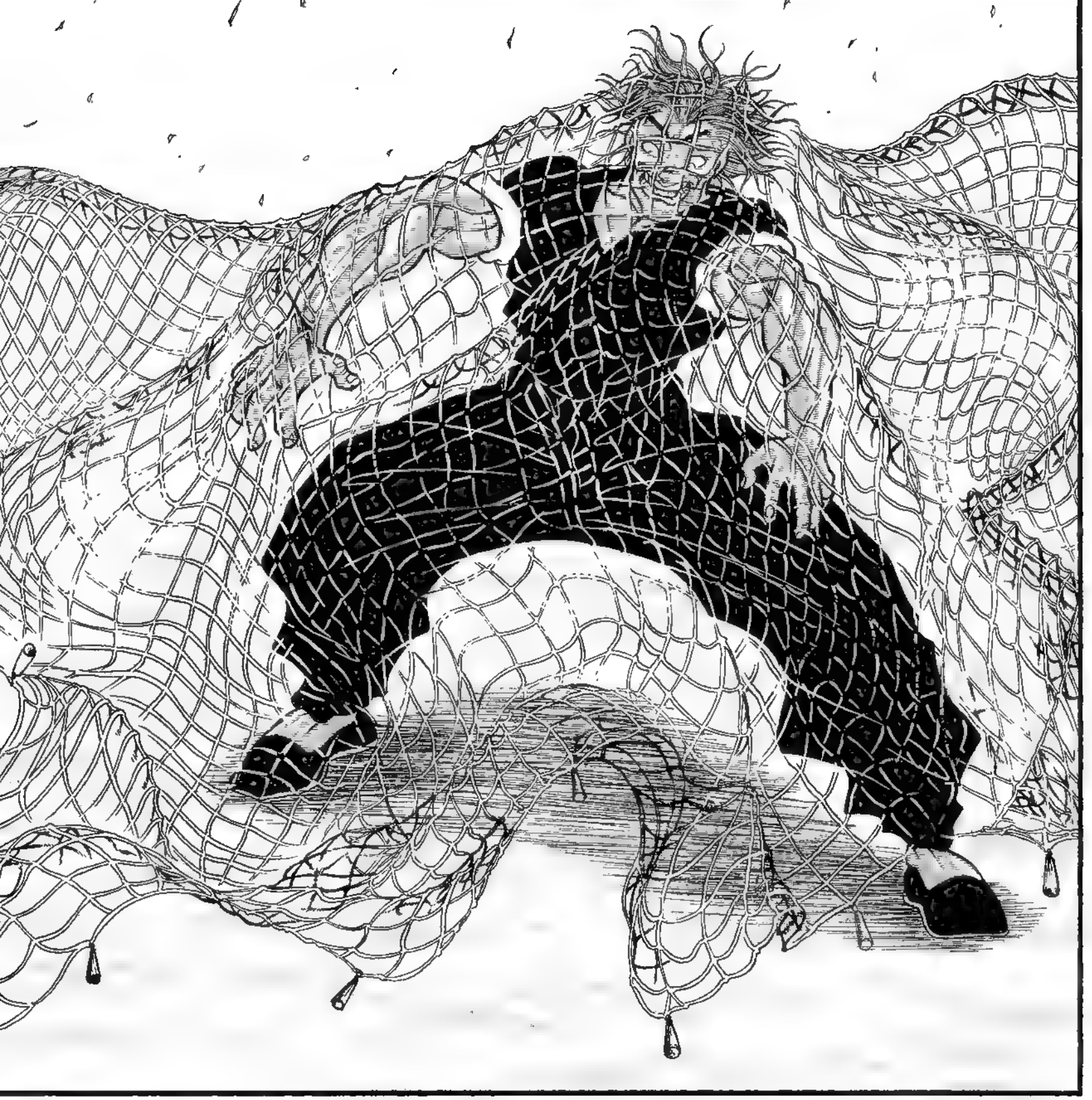
A-A GUN ...?!

HE SHOT HIM!!!

I GENUINELY DIDN'T EXPECT THAT!!!
A GUN HERE, OF ALL PLACES ...!!!
BSHOOM
DOOM



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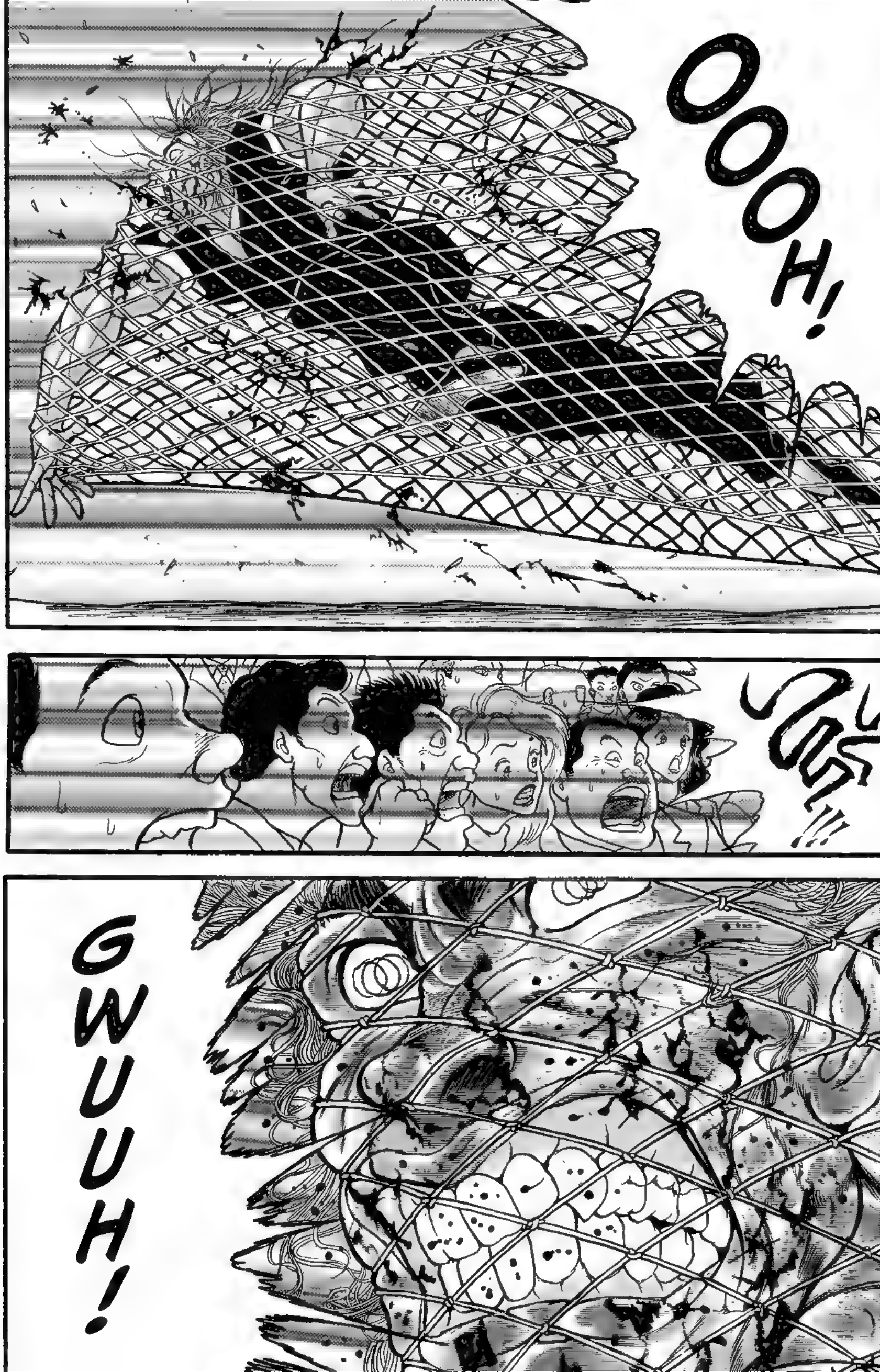
BANG

BANG

BANG

YUJI-ROOO!!!
RAH
SHF
OOOOOH!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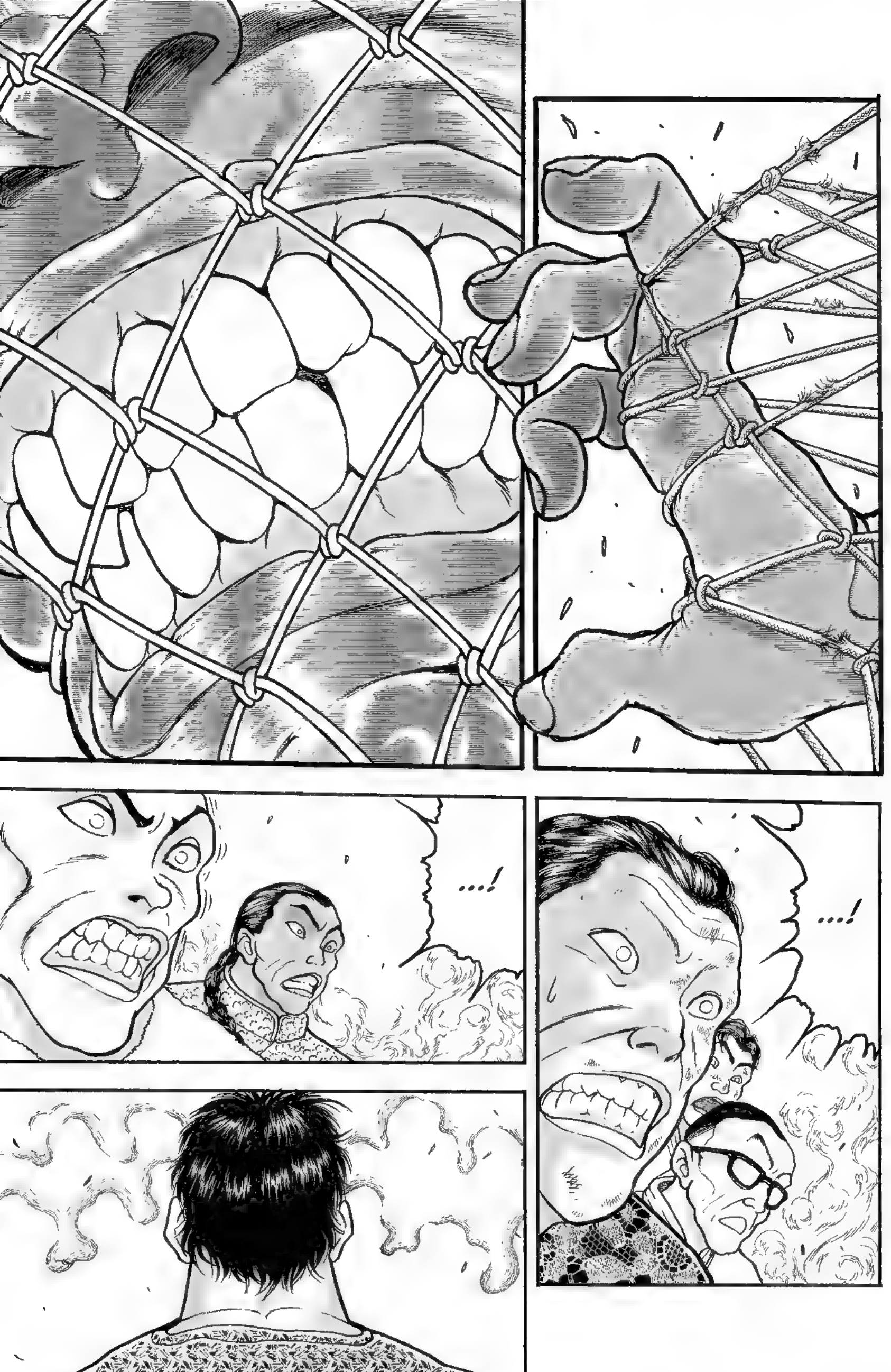
GWUUH!



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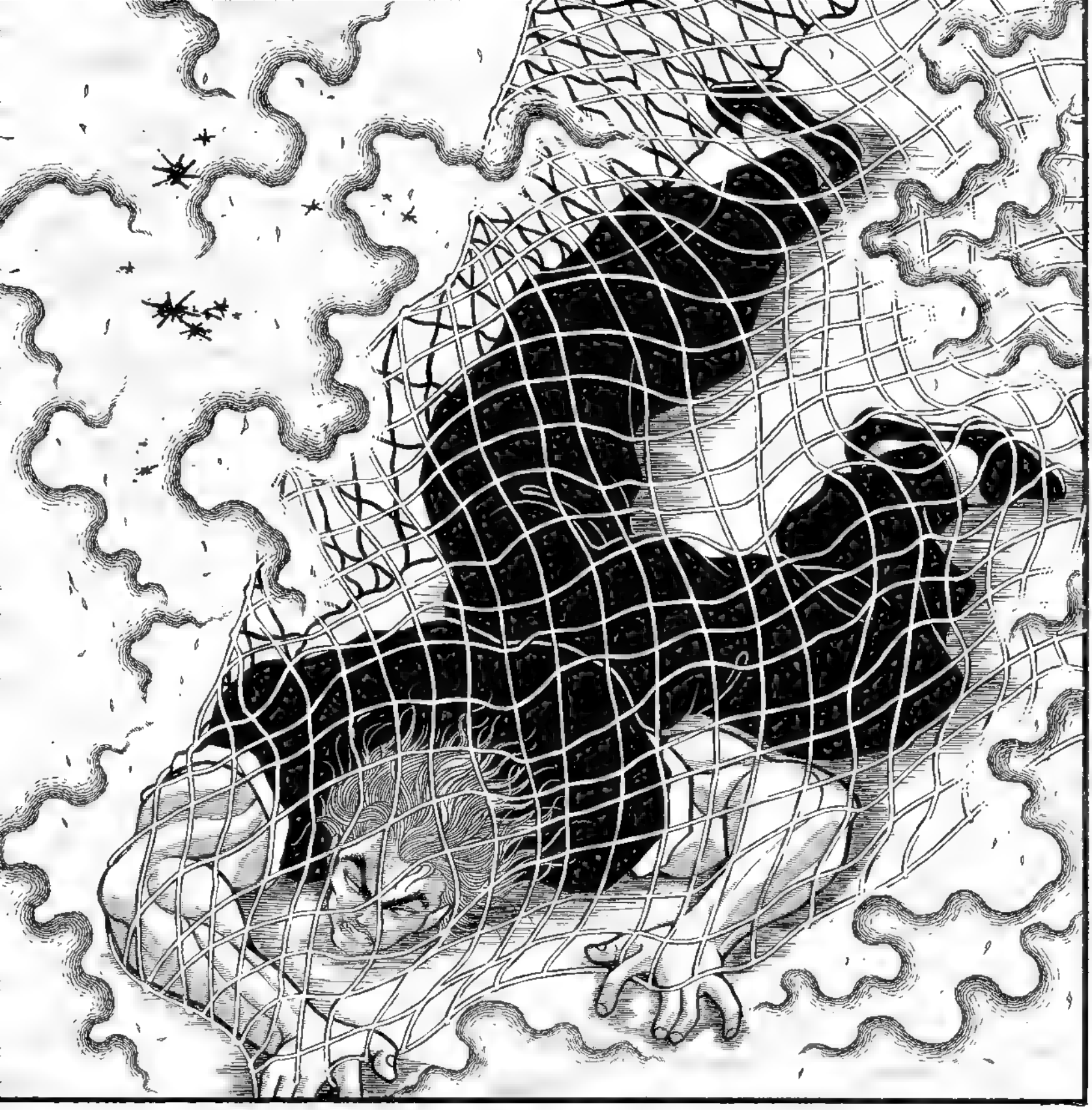

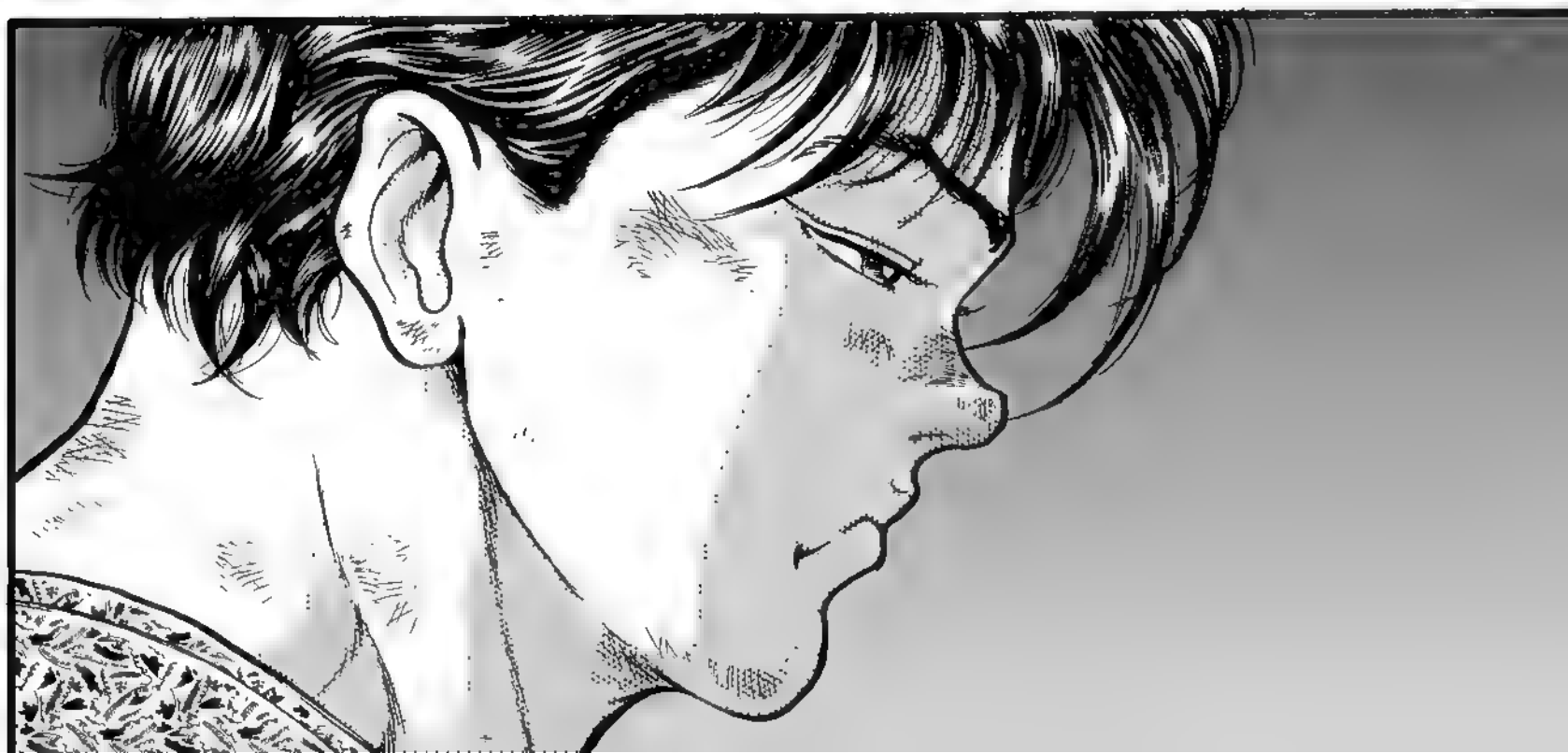

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BAKI, YOU...

...WAS GOING TO JUST PATIENTLY SPECTATE UNTIL THE END.

THERE WAS NO WAY THAT MAN...

IT'S THE SAME METHOD THEY USE TO SUBDUE LARGE BEASTS IN AFRICA.

SINCE BAKI WARNED ME, I DECIDED THAT THIS WAS OUR ONLY OPTION.

FIRST, CAST A DEPLOYABLE NET TO LIMIT HIS MOVEMENTS.

AFTER ALL, THIS IS A MAN FAST ENOUGH THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO *DODGE BULLETS.*

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN A BLUE WHALE, IF NEEDED.

AFTER THAT, CONCENTRATED FIRE FROM TRAINED HUNTERS USING TRANQUILIZERS INTENDED FOR WHITE RHINOS.

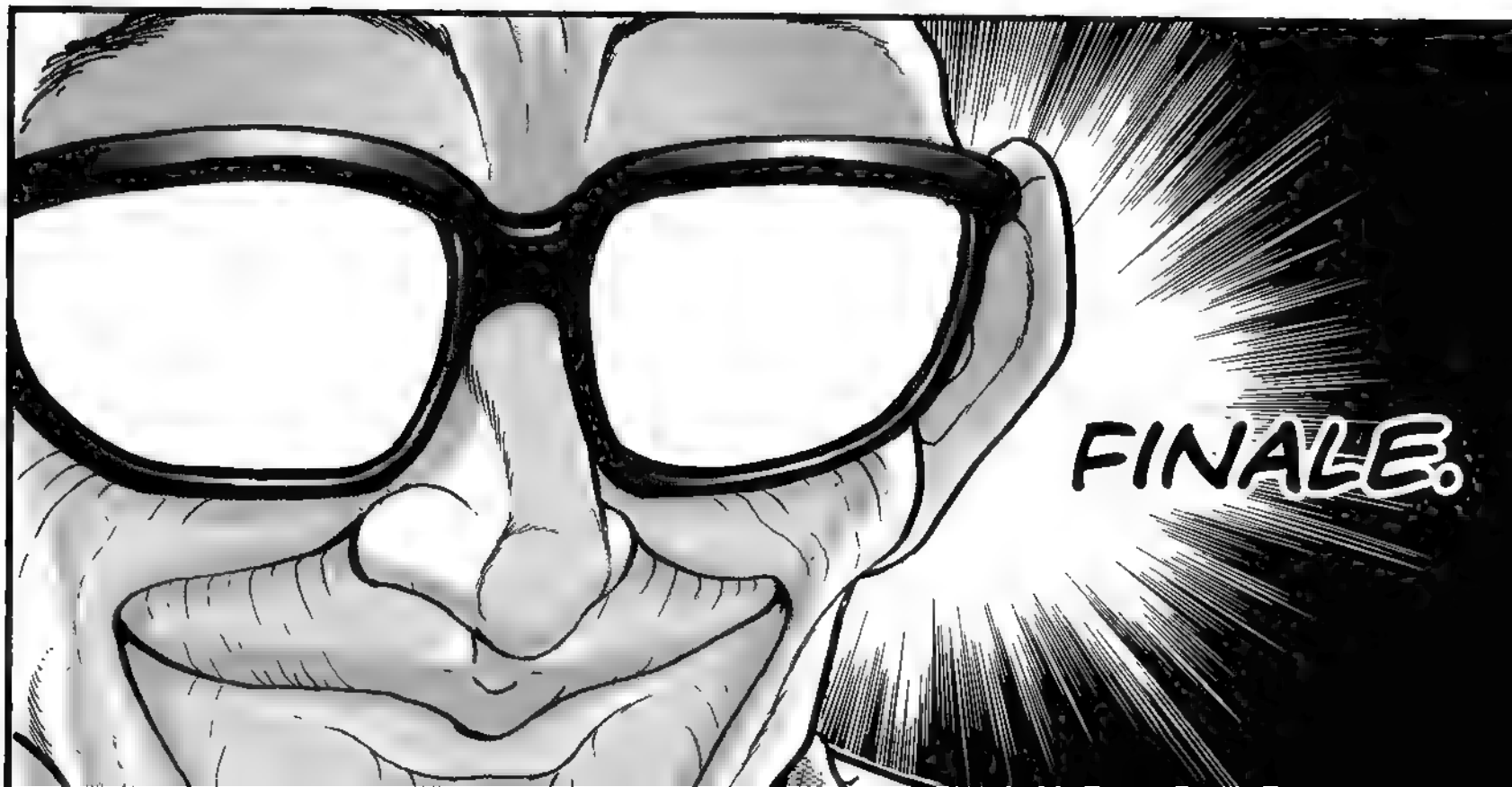
HE WENT ON QUITE THE IMPRESSIVE RAMPAGE.

EVEN SO...

...

BANG!

SECOND ROUND.


FINALE.

#277 Second Round, Finale!!

...SO THE SECOND ROUND, WHICH HAS FEATURED BACK-TO-BACK FIERCE FIGHTS, HAS FINALLY REACHED ITS FINALE!!!
THE SUPER ULTRA-CLASS HURRICANE KNOWN AS YUJIRO HANMA HAS PASSED...
WHEW!

...THE LONE PRACTITIONER OF SHINOGI-RYU'S CUTTING KARATE, KOSHO SHINOGI!!!
AGAINST HIM IS THE MAN WHO OVERCAME HIS OWN BROTHER...
HEIGHT: 177 CM
WEIGHT: 81 KG

...THE SUPER ACTIVE MASTER, GOKI SHIBUKAWA!
AND TAKING THE STAGE IS...
HEIGHT: 155 CM
WEIGHT: 47 KG

AS USUAL, SHIBUKAWA HAS A SIZE DISADVANTAGE ...

HOWEVER, THIS OLD MAN...

...DEFEATED A FOE NINETY-TWO KILOS BIGGER THAN HIM IN THE FIRST ROUND!

I SAID, JUST AS EXPLAINED IN THE FIRST ROUND...

...

COME AGAIN?

SORRY, EARS ARE GOIN' AT MY OLD AGE...

...ASIDE FROM THE USE OF WEAPONS, ANY MOVES ARE ALLOW—

AAAH!
RIGHT, RIGHT! WEAPONS, GOT IT! ♡

AS SOMEONE IMMERSED IN THE WORLD OF KARATE, I'VE HEARD THIS MAN'S NAME MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT.

GOKI SHIBUKAWA.

THEY SAY HE'S A SMALL GIANT.

THEY SAY HE'S THE APEX OF MODERN-DAY MARTIAL ARTISTS.

HOWEVER...

THEY SAY HE'S NUMBER ONE IN PROWESS.

THEY SAY HE'S THE AVATAR OF MARTIAL ARTS ITSELF.

THEY SAY HE'S A MASTER.

AAAAH...

AAAAH... MR. SHINOGI.

BOTH FIGHTERS, TO YOUR MARKS!

...LET'S HAVE A GOOD FIGHT.

PLEASE...

...I SIMPLY CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!!

...!!!

THUMP

BEGIN !!!!

THUMP

I CAN'T COME AT HIM!!!

虎

WHOA THERE! KOSHO SHINOGI...

...IS STARTING TO USE HIS DAZZLING FOOTWORK!

THAT SPEED IS TOUGH ON A SENIOR CITIZEN!

...THAN A FACADE!

THIS IS NOTHING MORE...

虎

EVEN IF I GET BEHIND HIM, I CAN SEE NO OPENINGS!

IT'S ALMOST LIKE I'M MOVING ACCORDING TO THIS OLD MAN'S PLAN!!!

THIS IS BAD...!

HE JUMPED !!!

FWSH

SHEEEH!

TMP

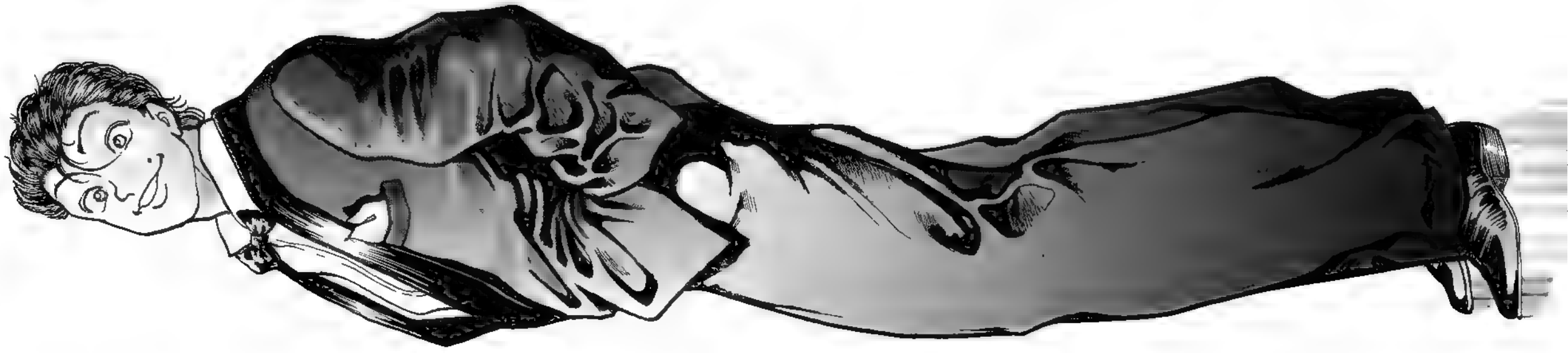
HE'S GONE...
!!!

AAAH...
!!!

PASH
THAT IDIOT!
I GOT YOOOU!
!

KA-FWSH
A-HUP!

NOW, COME AT ME!



#278 The Master's Move!!

NOW, COME AT ME, YOUNGSTER!

I'VE EVEN FOUGHT SUMO WRESTLERS...!

I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST JUDOKA.

I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST WRESTLERS.

BUT...

武

...THIS ISN'T THE SAME AS ANY OF THEM.

TUG

WHOA THERE, NOW...

PASH
A-HUP!

FA

BOOM

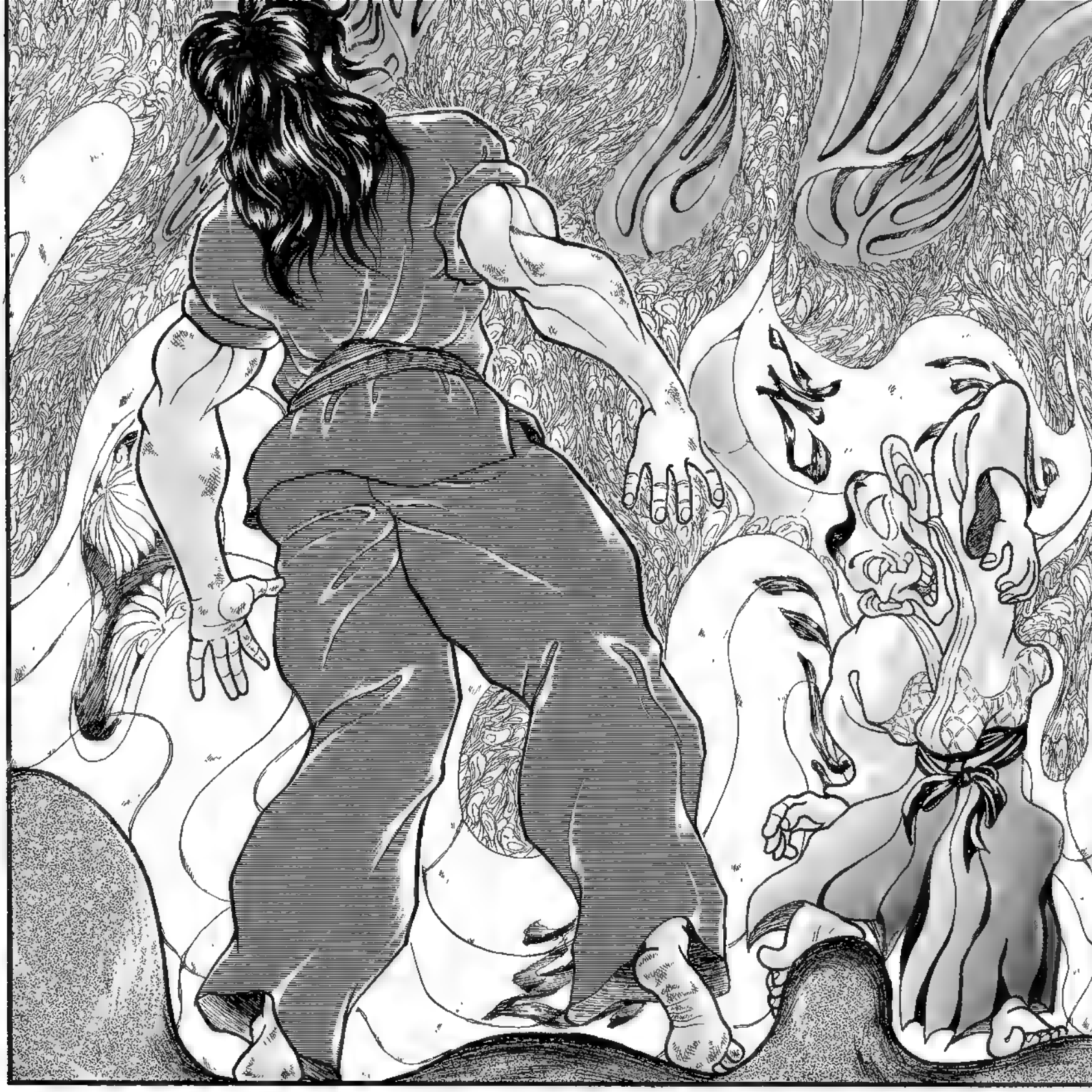
!

THIS IS HOPELESS.

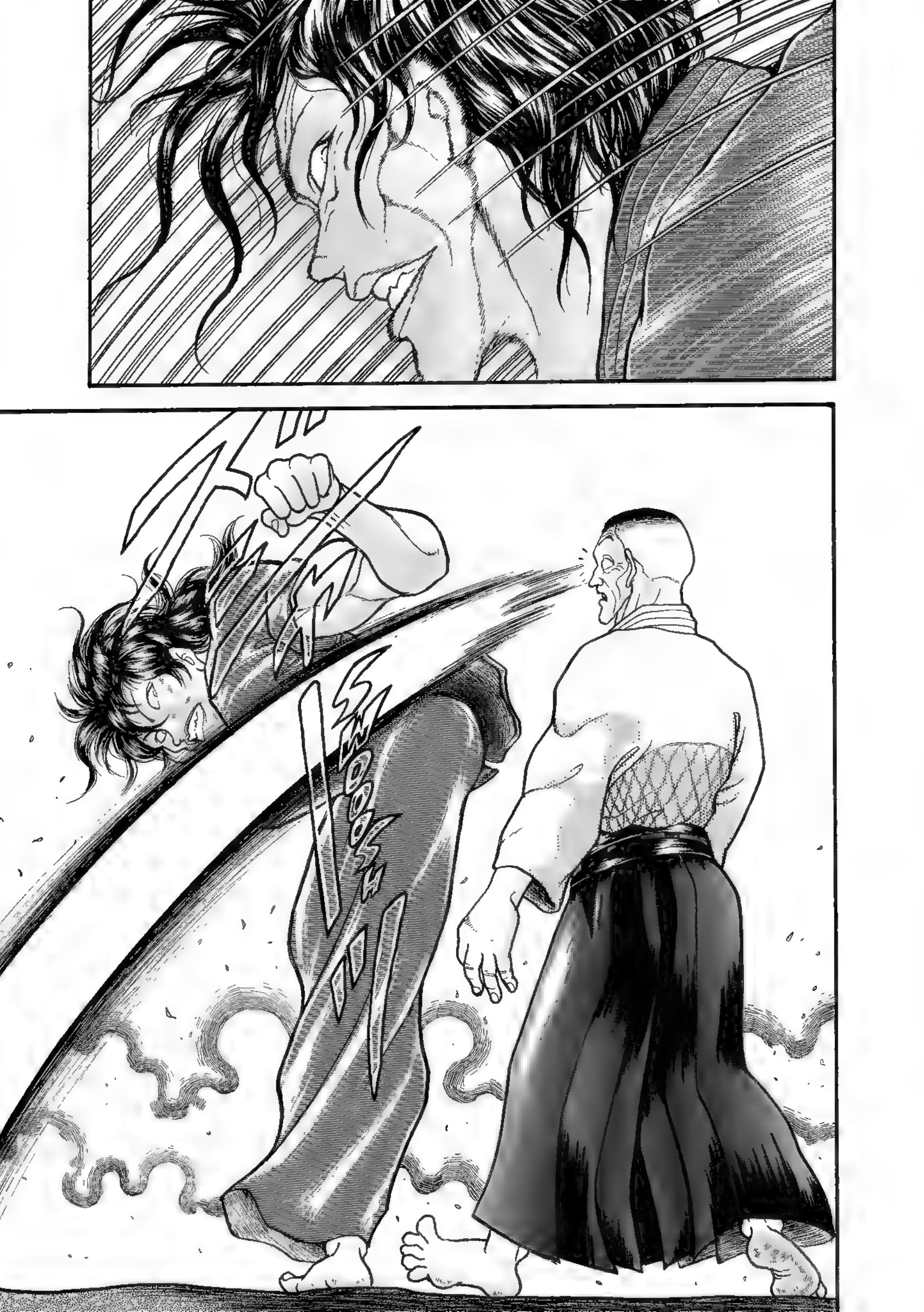
H-HE'S STRONG..!

VISION LOOKING WAVY, SHINOGI M'BOY?

HO HOOO!



OOH
OOH.
IT'S
WORKING,
IT'S
WORKING.



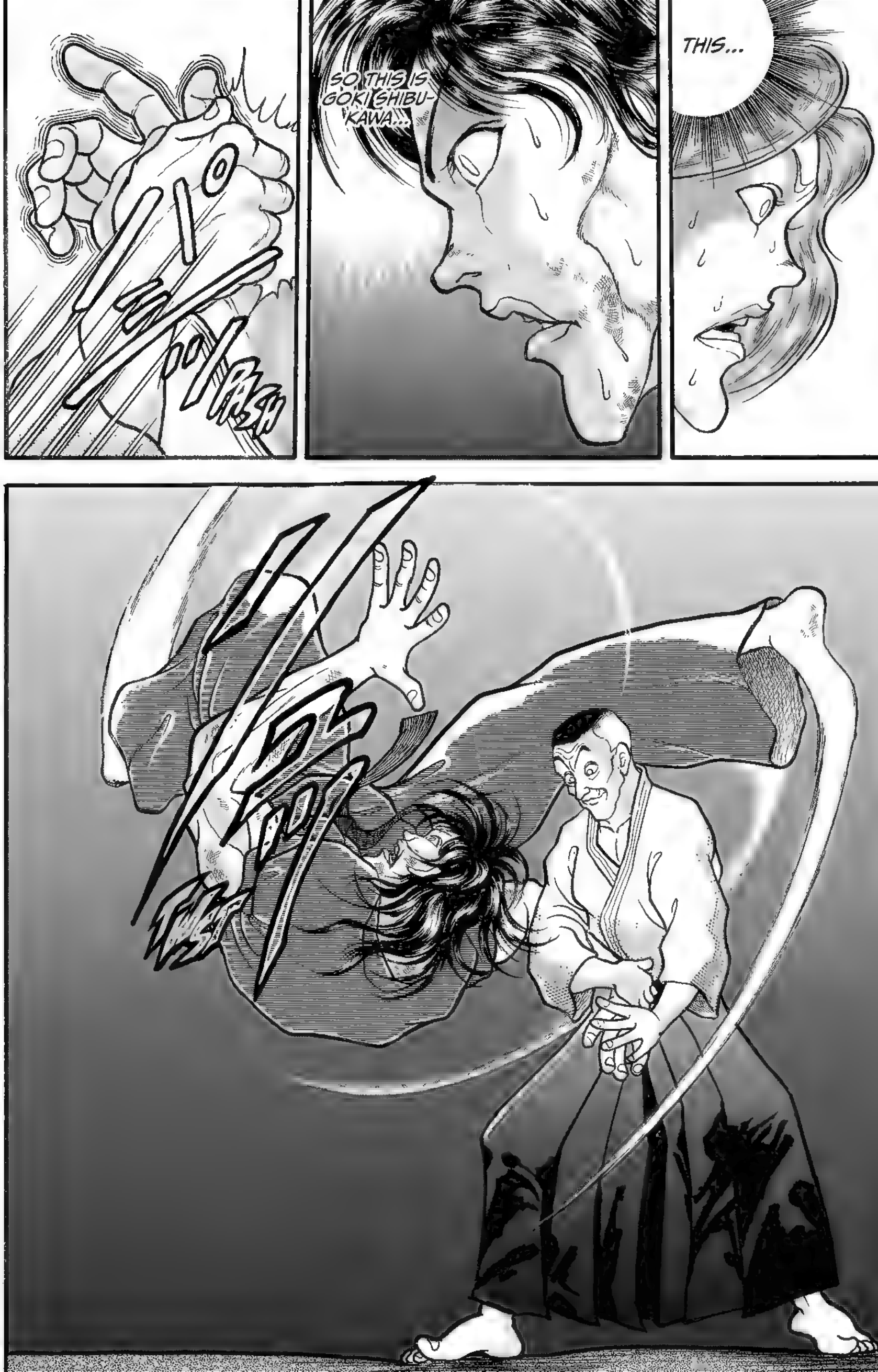
WHOOPSIE.
SHMF

OHO.

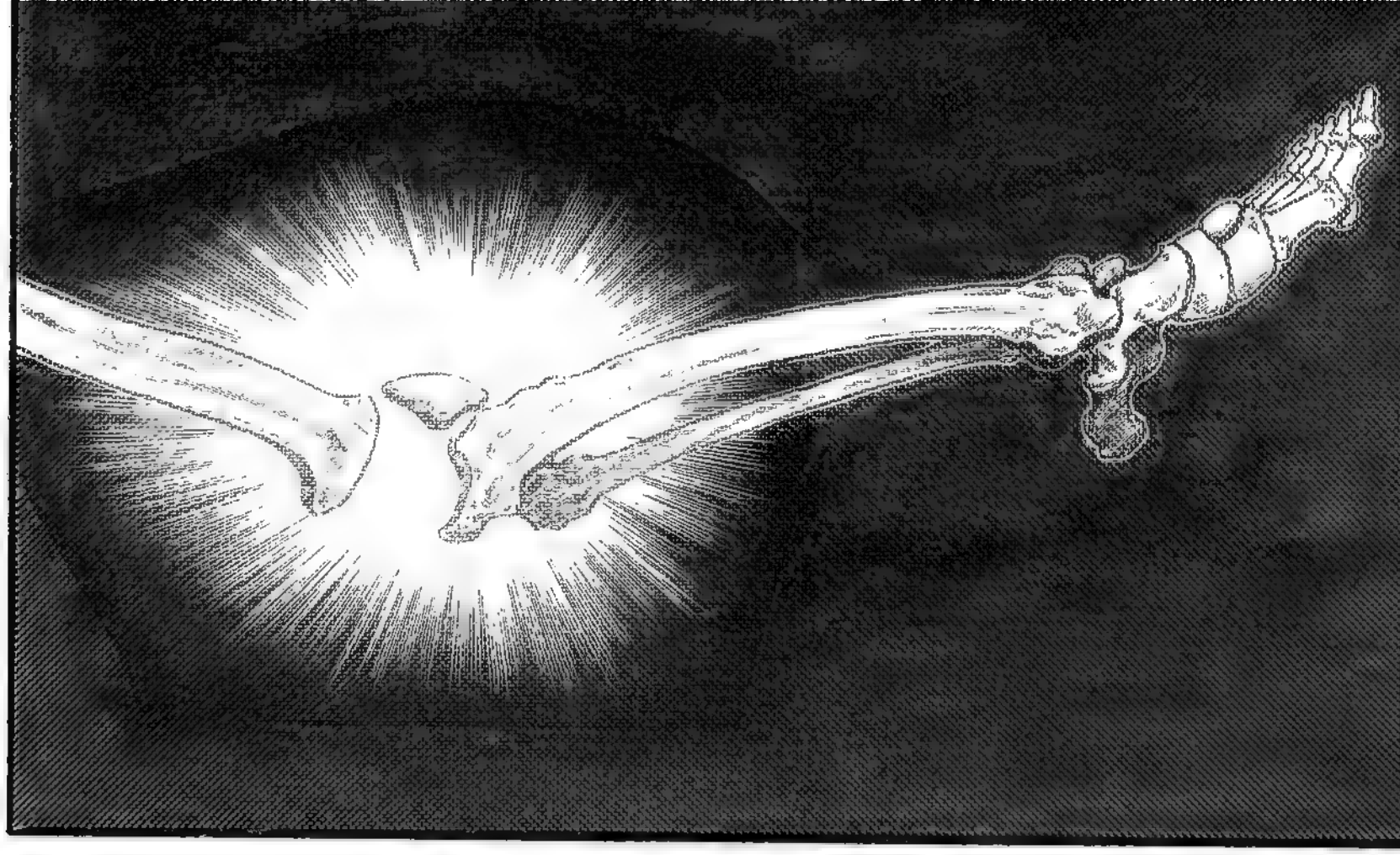
KOSHO! THROW A LOW!

NONE OF THAT IS GOING TO WORK. ♡

...!


THIS...
SO THIS IS GOKI SHIBU-KAWA...
PASH

DOOMF
CHOP.
WHPSH



HE BROKE IT...!!

HE STRUCK THE MOMENT HIS LEG WAS FULLY EXTENDED.

THAT GEEZER KNOWS ALL THE WEAKNESSES OF KARATE, BACK TO FRONT.

...!!!

GIVE IT UP ALREADY, YOUNGSTER.

YOU THINK YOU'RE RESPECTING THE ELDERLY BY HOLDING BACK, AREN'T YOU?

HUP!

YOUR LACK OF COMMITMENT IS TELLING ME SOMETHING.

YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING *BIGGER* IN YOUR TOYBOX.

#279 A Move I Can't Use on My Brother!!

白虎
玄武
NO NEED TO HOLD BACK JUST TO RESPECT THE ELDERLY, M'BOY.
白虎
武
THAT BIG SECRET IN YOUR TOYBOX.
COME ON AND SHOW IT TO ME ALREADY.

IT SEEMS I WAS BEING NEEDLESSLY RESPECTFUL.

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID.

FWOOO...

...AND YOUR SMALL STATURE...

YOUR AGE...

FWOOO...

...THOROUGHLY DECEIVED ME.

WHO DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

YOU *DUMBASS.*

I WAS BEING CALLED A MASTER DECADES BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN BORN.

YES...

REALLY COME AT ME.

...NO MORE HOLDING BACK.

WHOOSH

KOMF

THE CORD-CUTTER!!!

HE WENT FOR IT!!!

SHASHI

FINGER SWEAR! CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO DIE. STICK A NEEDLE...

HE'S TOO INTENSE.

THAT GEEZER IS SOME-THING ELSE.

THAT...

...IN MY EYE!

10
FASH

WHOAAA!
HE SCOOPED
HIS LEG!

I'VE GOT YOUUU!
♡

SHEEEH!

KRAK

THE EYEBALL IS ACTUALLY HARDER THAN YOU THINK IT IS...

THE CLASSIC KILLING TECHNIQUE, *GANTEI-KUDAKI*— EYEGROUND CRUSHER.

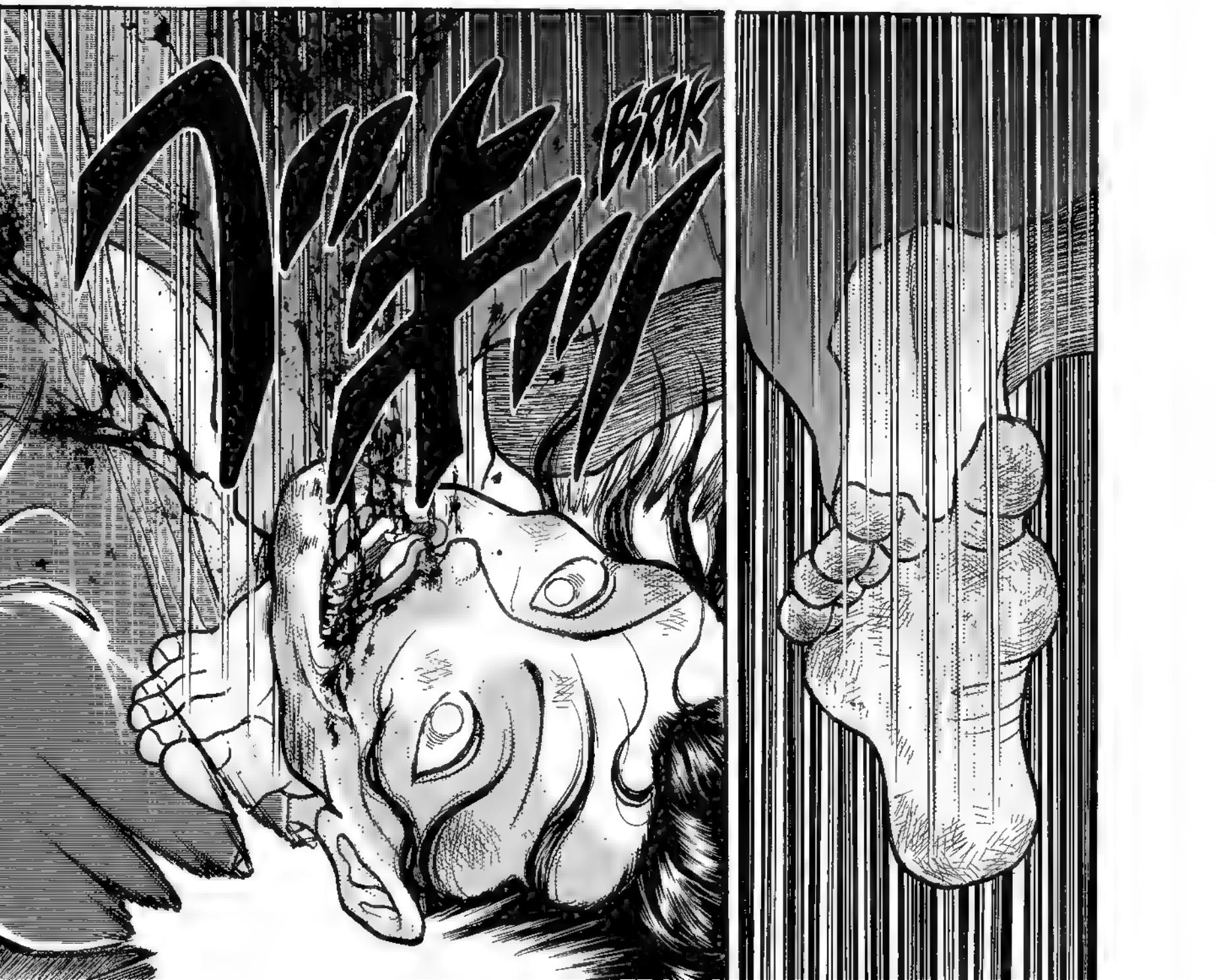
...AND INFLICT DIRECT DAMAGE TO THE BRAIN.

BY USING THAT HARDNESS AND APPLYING AN INTENSE STRIKE TO ONE'S EYEBALL, IT WILL DESTROY THE THIN MEMBRANOUS BONE— THE EYEGROUND...

PLEASE FORGIVE ME, ELDER SHIBUK-AWA—

JUST AS HE SAID, IT'S A MOVE HE COULDN'T USE ON HIS BROTHER.

HO-
RYAAAH!


BRAK

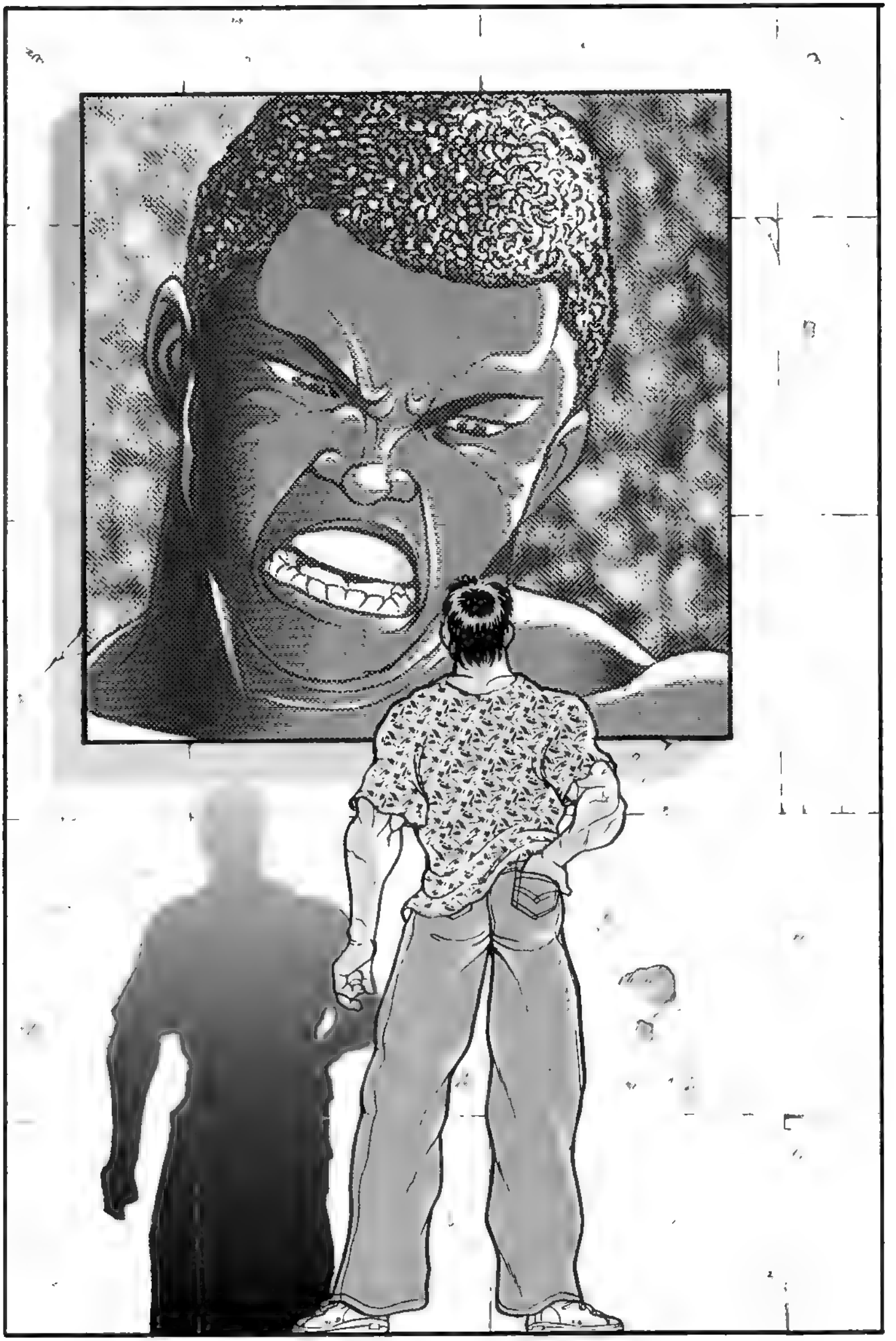
KOSHO, DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH ALL THOSE NO-NAME, SUBPAR MARTIAL ARTISTS OUT THERE.

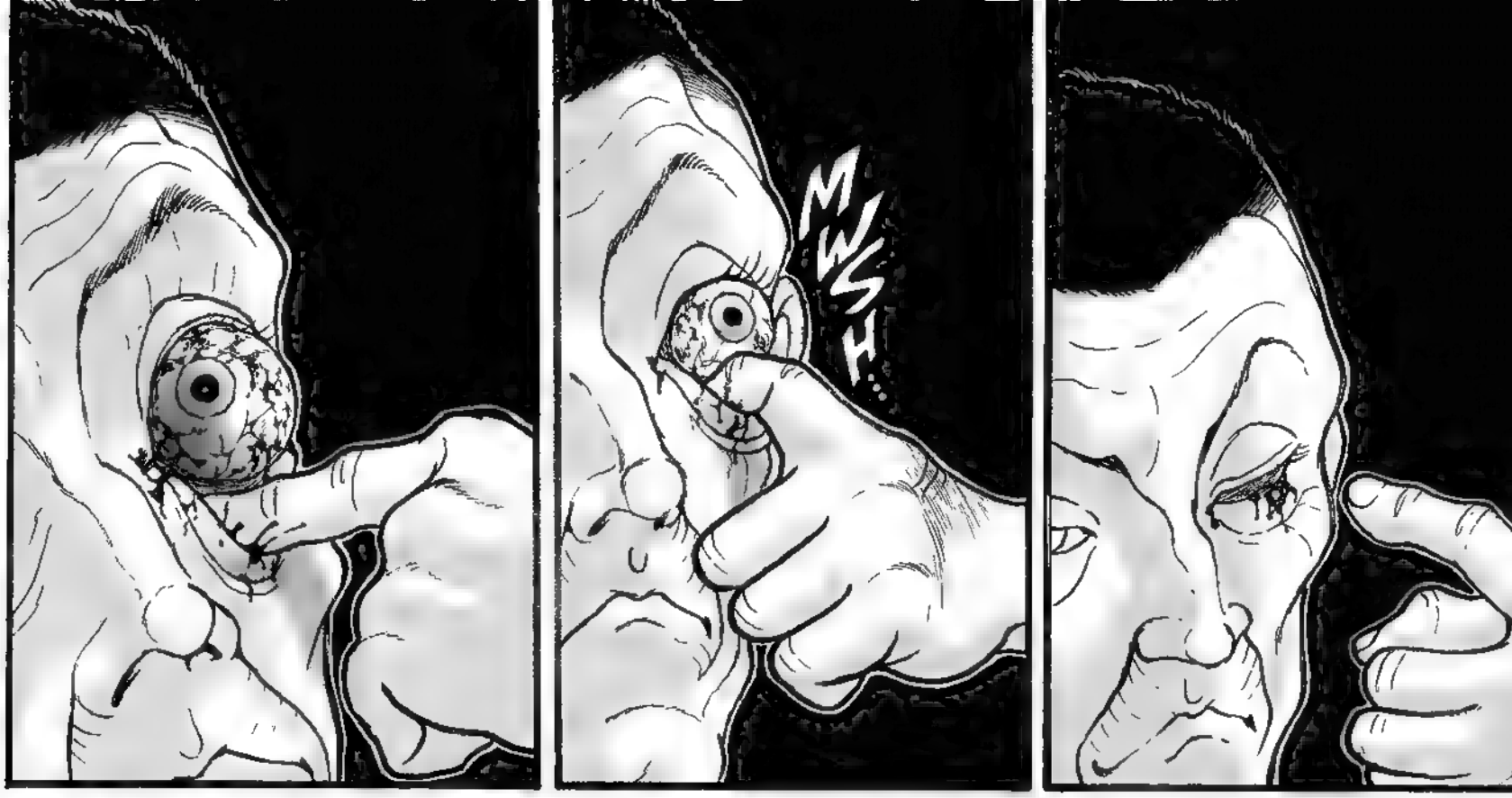
I'VE HAD A *GLASS EYE* FOR AGES NOW.

CHWP

THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

#280 Strongest Lineup on Earth!!




MWSH...

I'VE HAD A
GLASS EYE
FOR AGES
NOW.

THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

YOU WERE CLOSE, KOSHO.

...NO RULES MATCHES WERE COMMON-PLACE.

BACK IN THE DAY, WHEN TWO MARTIAL ARTISTS FACED EACH OTHER...

OH, MOTOBE!

GETTING YOUR EYES OR BALLS BUSTED WAS AN *EXTREMELY* COMMON OCCURRENCE.

虎

玄弋

OH, COME ON. IS *THAT* ALL IT TAKES TO IMPRESS YOU, MOTOBE?

A GREAT SHOWING, MASTER SHIBUKAWA...

KAAA-HAH!

Y'SEE ?

MY HIGH-QUALITY GLASS EYE IS ALL SMASHED UP.

KAH KAH KAH KAH!
AH, ARE YOU STILL HANGING ABOUT, MR. BAKI?
HUH?
YES...
GRIN
SWLSH...
SWASH...

PTOO

I HOPE I CAN *SEE* YOU IN THE FINALS!

GULP...

THIS AIN'T GOOD.

FOR ONE THING, HE'S NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO FIGHT IF HE'S *THIS* BANGED UP ALL OVER.

HIS BRAINWAVES ARE UNSTABLE.

THIS AIN'T GOOD AT ALL.

I'M CALLIN' A *MEDICAL STOPPAGE.*

FIGHTING WITH GUTS IS ADMIRABLE, BUT AS A DOCTOR, I CAN'T ALLOW THIS.

COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF, DOCTOR.

FLASH

THEY ARE THE STRONGEST WARRIORS IN THE WORLD!!!
THESE ARE THE MEN WHO HAVE MADE IT PAST THE FIERCEST SECOND ROUND ON EARTH!
GET A GOOD LOOK, FOLKS!!!
GOOOO

THE GREATEST LINEUP OF EXPERTS, EACH AS SKILLED AS THE NEXT!

A SMATTERING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD ALL CONVINCINGLY TAKE HOME THE GOLD!

RAAAAH

CHIHARU SHIBA, WHO MADE IT TO THE SECOND ROUND, FIFTH MATCH...

I NOW HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EVERYONE!

AWWWWW

...HAS BEEN PULLED VIA MEDICAL STOPPAGE DUE TO HIS MOUNTING INJURIES!

THMP

...WE HAVE THE STRONGEST WRESTLER IN HISTORY...

AND IN HIS PLACE...

...ALEXANDER GALLEN, READY FOR ACTION!

ゴゴゴゴ

DIDN'T THEY SAY HE WAS CLOSE TO TEN KILOS WHEN HE WAS BORN?!

I HEARD HE RAN UP TEN FLIGHTS OF STAIRS WHILE CARRYING A FRIDGE IN EACH HAND!

...AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION AND A REVIEW OF THE FOOTAGE IN SLOW MOTION, THE REFEREES...

AND AS FOR THE SEVENTH MATCH OF THE SECOND ROUND THAT RESULTED IN A NO CONTEST, DOPPO OROCHI VS. YU AMANAI...

...THE EYE POKE THAT OROCHI DELIVERED AT THE END OF THE MATCH...

...HAVE DETERMINED THAT IF THE MATCH WASN'T INTER-RUPTED...

...WOULD HAVE DEFINITIVELY CONCLUDED THE FIGHT.

THANKS.

KRAAAH

THEREFORE, DOPPO OROCHI WILL PROCEED TO THE THIRD ROUND!

WE NOW HAVE TWO MORE MARTIAL ARTS WARRIORS IN OUR MIDST!

...THE STRONGEST LINEUP ON EARTH!
YOU'RE NOW LOOKING AT...

SAY, BAKI.

HUH?

I'M ASKING IF YOU WOULD LET ME WIN OUR MATCH.

WOULD YOU MIND GIVING ME THE WIN?

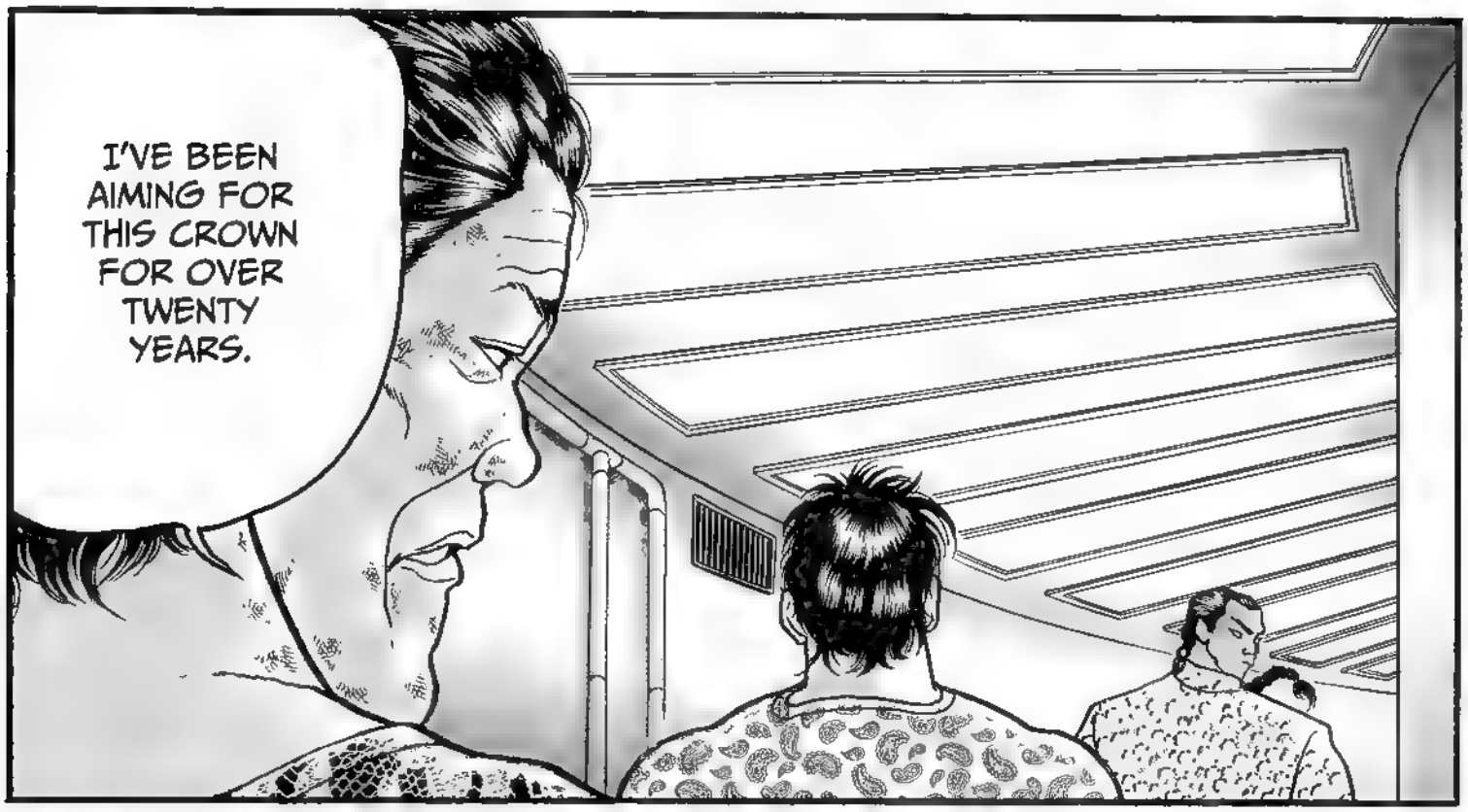
#281 The Other Kanji Igari!!

...LET ME WIN?
WILL YOU...
WILL YOU GIVE THE WIN TO ME?

FIGHTERS ...

...EXIT!

青竜


I'VE BEEN AIMING FOR THIS CROWN FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS.

MR. IGARI...

...AND HOW MUCH I'VE WANTED THIS?
CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE HOW LONG...

BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN BORN.

WAIT...

BAKI... I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.

WAIT, MR. IGARI.

ALSO...

I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BEAT YOU EITHER!!!

EVEN SO...

E...

HUH...?
MR. BAKI !!!

PLEASE, MR. BAKI !!!

PLEASE LET ME WIN!!!

Y...

YOU MUST BE JOKING!!!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE PRIDE AS A FIGHTER!

"LET ME WIN"? YOU'RE...

I'M GOING TO BE GIVING IT MY ALL.

WAIT, PLEASE!

YOU'RE YOUNG! YOU'LL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNI-TIES TO—

CUT THE BULLSHIT!

BAM

DOOMF

I...

I'M SCARED OF YOU TOO!!!

I WANT TO WIN TOO!!!

EEH ...

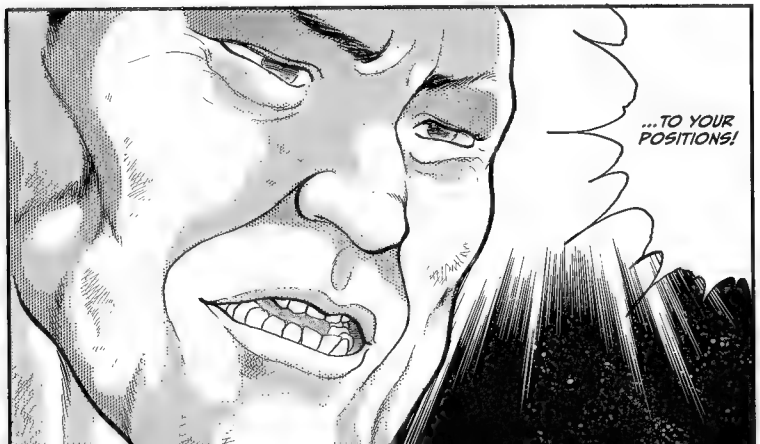
WE'LL MEET IN THE ARENA.

WEH...

WEHHHH ...!

THIRD ROUND, FIRST MATCH!!!
白虎
白虎
玄武

VS.
PRO WRESTLING, KANJI IGARI!
HEIGHT: 191 CM
WEIGHT: 105 KG
ANYTHING ASIDE FROM THE USE OF WEAPONS IS ALLOWED.
TOTAL FIGHTING, BAKI HANMA!
HEIGHT: 167 CM
WEIGHT: 71 KG


...TO YOUR POSITIONS!

BOTH FIGHTERS ...

BA!
BA!
BA!
KI!
KI!
I!
I!
GA!
GA!
RI!
RI!
HE'S MESSING AROUND.
GULP...
HEH HEH...

BEGIN!

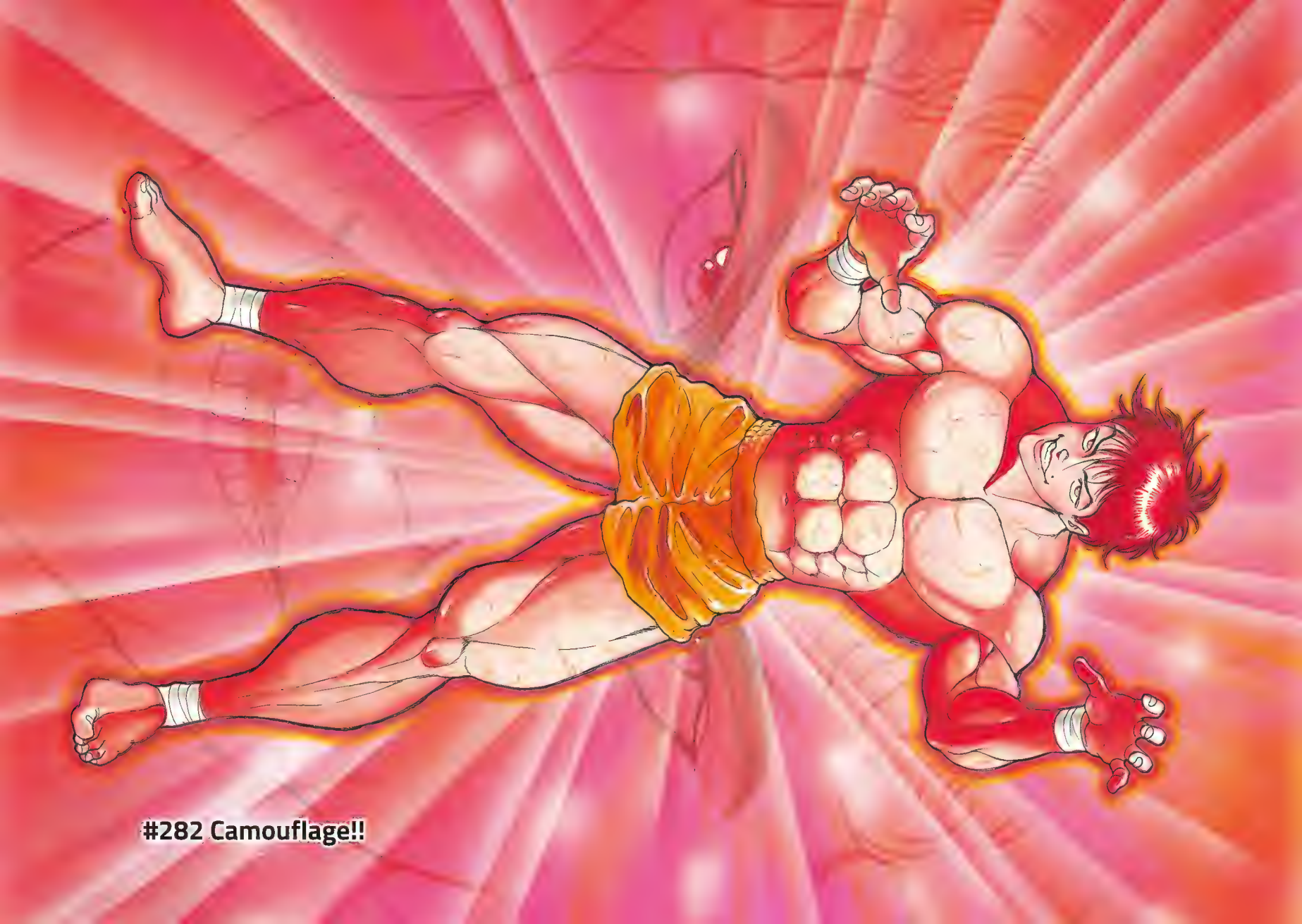
THUMP

SMF

MR. BAKI.

DASSSHA!

KAIBA
THE GRAPPLER
KAIBA
THE GRAPPLER



#282 Camouflage!!

THE GRAPPLER
18 BARS

THERE'S THE ENZUIGIRI !!!

THAT ENZUIGIRI WASN'T TELEGRAPHED AT ALL!
SWIP
A BIG MOVE RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!!
HE NAILED IT!
OOH!
玄武

SHAA!

THIS IS...!

THE KNUCKLE ARROW!

THE KNUCKLE ARROW ERUPTS!!!

...!!!

KRAK
THIS IS...
LOW KICK !!!
...

LOW KICK!

LOW KICK!

THIS IS THE OFFENSE OF ONE OF THE BEST FIGHTERS OF THE PREVIOUS GENERA-TION?

LOW KICK!

KAH

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
MR. BAKI.
HUFF

DID ANY OF THAT HURT?

I'M ASKING IF MY ATTACKS HURT YOU AT ALL!

YOU'RE OVER THERE, DOING JUST FINE NOW...

NOT EVEN A BIT...

AND I WAS THE ONE WHO PERFORMED THEM!

...BUT AFTER ALL THOSE ATTACKS, I CAN BARELY STAND!

DO YA' GET WHAT I'M DRIVING AT, MR. BAKI?

IGARI IS SAYING SOME-THING!

...HURTING A WEAK OLD MAN.
RIGHT NOW, ALL YOU'RE DOIN' IS....
玄
...
MR. IGARI.
RABBI
さわ
RABBI
JUST SOME ELDERLY CHUMP WHO CAN'T EVEN THROW A PROPER ATTACK.

BAM

OOOH!
IN A TWIST,
BAKI DELIVERS
AN ENZUIGIRI
OF HIS OWN!

YOU PLAN ON MAKING IT TO THE FINALS LIKE THAT?

QUIT SPEAKING NONSENSE, OLD MAN.

TUG

GRIP

DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE ?!

HE'S GOT HIM IN A FRONT FACELOCK !!!

THIS IS ...

HE'S APPLYING TORQUE!!!

KRCH

...WHERE WE DECIDE WHO'S THE STRONGEST!

IGARI'S NECK IS NOW BEING WRENCHED BY THE WRESTLING MOVE THAT THE ONE AND ONLY LOU THESZ SAID COULD KILL A MAN!

THIS IS INTENSE!!!

TAP

TAP

HE'S IN DIRE STRAITS, FOLKS !!!

HE'S TAPPING OUT?!

!

TAP

TAP

I... GIVE...

...!!!

I-
I GIVE
UP...

YOU
WIN...

YOU...
WIN...

KILL SHMP

武

YAAAH! THE MATCH'S WON!!!

WHA ...?

ガ

...

WHEN DID IT END...?

HELL YAAAH!

STILL YOUNG...

GWASH
ORAHH!

NO ONE ELSE HEARD ME GIVE UP.

SO NOW....

...IT'S SHOOOWTIME !

#283 The Real Kanji Igari!!

SHAI!
KRAP
SHAI!
SHAI!
KRAP
KRAP
SHAI!
SHAI!
KRAP
SHAI!

SHAI!
SHAI!
SHAI!
KLAP
KLAP
SHAI!
HOOOO
SHAI!
SHAI!
KLAP
KLAP
KLAP
SHAI!
HOOOO

I!
I!
BA!
GA!
GA!
KI!
RI!
RI!
I!
I!
GA!
GA!
RI!
RI!
MOST OF THE CROWD'S ON MY SIDE NOW.

I!
I!
BA!
GA!
GA!
KI!
RI!
RI!
HEH HA HA.
...!

SHAH!

BA-BAM

SHAH!

SHAH!

SHAH!

SAM

KID.

ORAH!

FOGEY ...?

AGAINST THAT FOGEY?!

WHAT THE HELL IS BAKI DRAGGIN' HIS HEELS FOR?!

YOU MEAN *IGARI*?

I'LL LET YOU MEET THE *REAL* IGARI.

YET ANOTHER KNUCKLE ARROW!!!

DASSHA
!

BAM

...

WHAM

WHAT THE HELL?!

THAT PUNCH WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE LAST ONE!

BAM
BAM

WAS HE...

WAS HE FEEDING HIM A *BLUFF?*

THAT BASTARD IS THROWING KATSUMI-STYLE LOW KICKS!

I!

I!

I!

GA!

GA!

GA!

RI!

RI!

RI!

A BLUFF, HUH?

HOH HOH.

I'D SAY YOU'RE PRETTY LATE TO THE PARTY... HOH HOH.

NOW YOU'RE CALLING IGARI UNDERHANDED?

MAYBE I'LL HIT A BIG MOVE HERE.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING OVER WELL WITH THE CROWD.

AWRIGHT!

HE'S GOING TO MAKE BAKI DO PRO WRESTLING ?!

HEY, C'MON!

MY KNEES... HAVE GONE WEAK...?!

STAGGR

!

HE USES JUDO, HUH?

OHO.

ORAH !!!

SKR

SWING

THAT'S PRO WRES-TLING!
WHAT IS BAKI DOING ?!

WHA ...?

朱雀

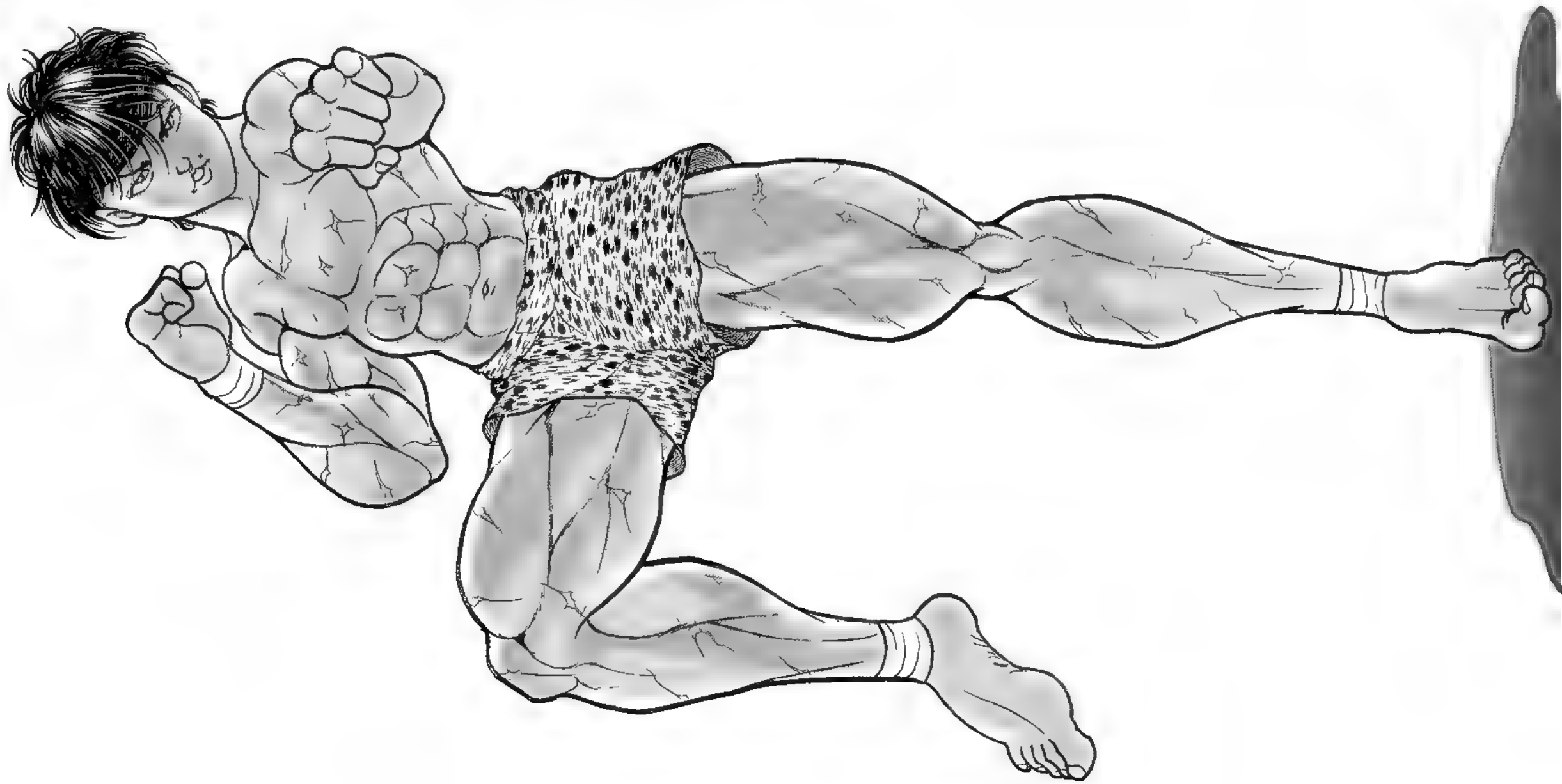
雀

BAKI.

KRAKOW

YEAAAAH!

#284 Martial Artist and Pro Wrestler



HOW'S THAT, KID?

PRO WRESTLING IS FUN, ISN'T IT?

HEY!

HEY!

HEY!

...THE HELL...

WHO ...

...IS DOING PRO WRESTLING ?!

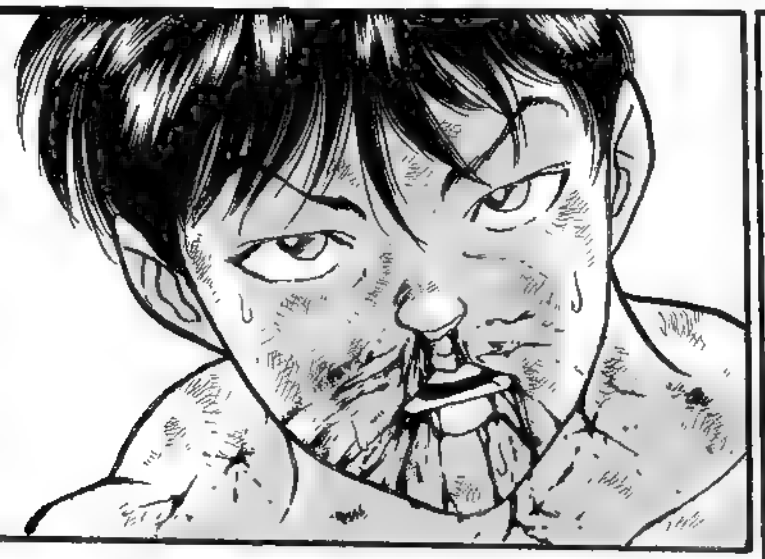
THWAK

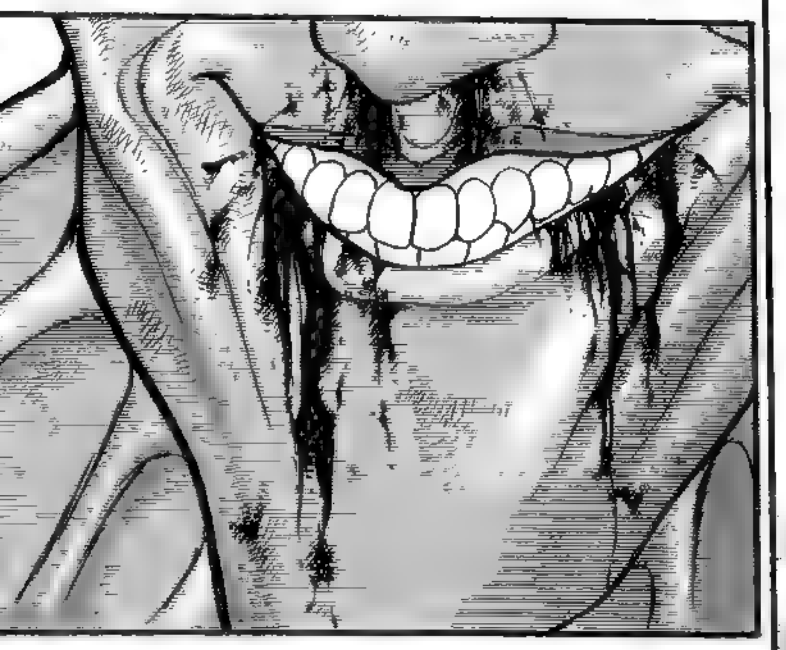
HE TOOK THAT *STRAIGHT TO THE JAW!*

HE...

RAH
WOBBL
TAK
ONE MORE!

BRAKK





YOU MARTIAL ARTISTS HAVE GOT IT EASY!

I MEAN, AFTER ALL...

...YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TO JUST TAKE ATTACKS.

HEH...

YOU ARE SAY-ING THAT MUCH, EH, IGARI ?

W-WHAT IS HE SAYING ?

IN A PRO WRESTLER'S EYES, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE.

HAVING THE FREEDOM TO BLOCK AN OPPONENT'S ATTACKS?

...WITH A FLYING BODY SLAM, PRO WRESTLERS DON'T DODGE!

EVEN IF A 250-KILO MAN COMES AT US...

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED SUCH SISSY BEHAVIOR.

...EVERY SINGLE ATTACK!

WE TAKE...

IT'S A STUNT YOU MARTIAL ARTISTS COULD PROBABLY NEVER PULL OFF.

...

DA-SSHA!
KRAKOW
A SINGLE ELBOW STRIKE...
...SENDS YOU DOWN EASILY.
KAH

DO YOU GET WHY THERE'S SUCH A TOUGHNESS GAP BETWEEN MARTIAL ARTISTS AND PRO WRESTLERS?

IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE *ALWAYS READY.*

...

READY OURSELVES TO FULLY WITHSTAND THE DAMAGE.

...WE READY OURSELVES IN AN INSTANT!!!

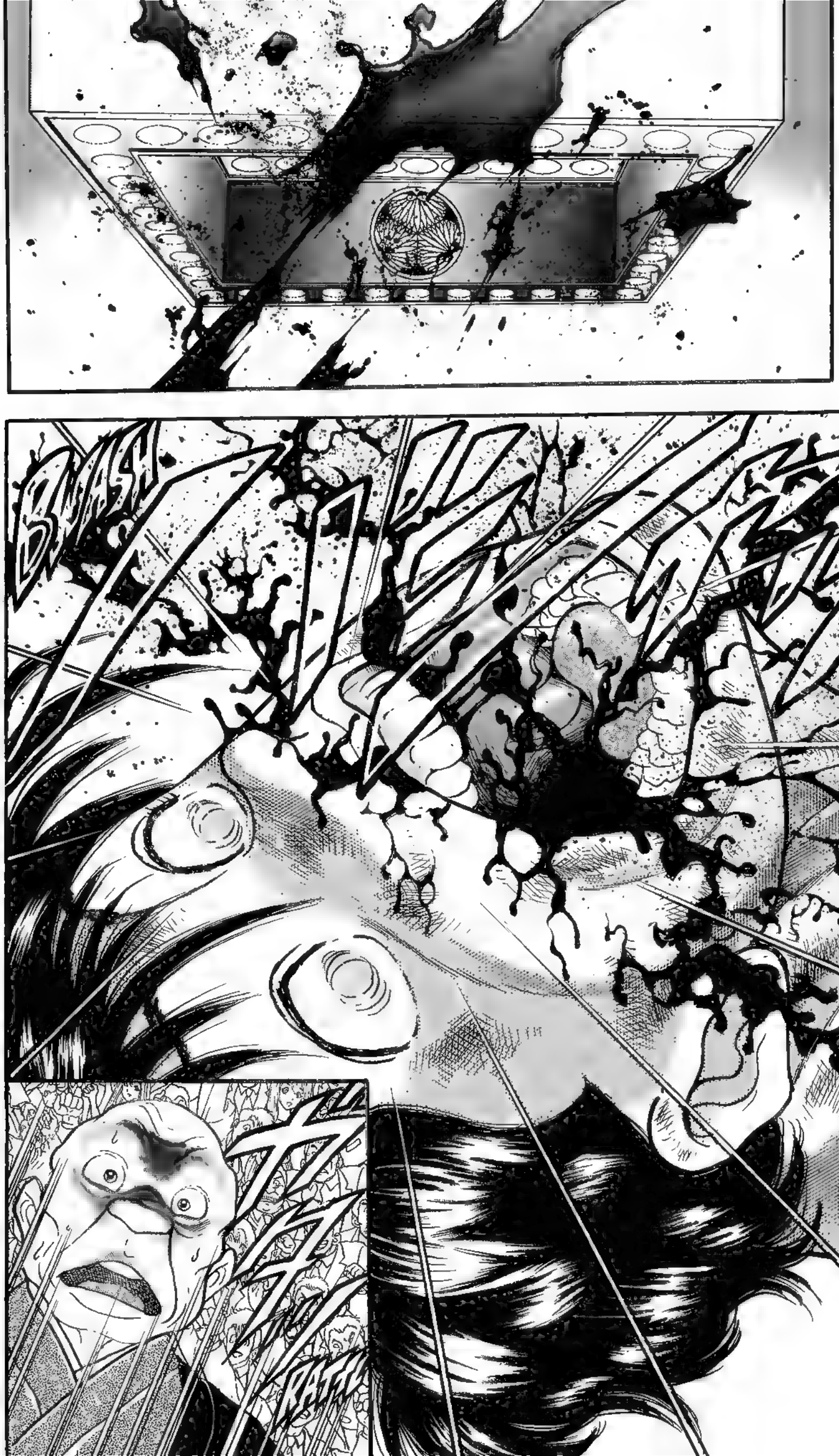
NO MATTER WHAT KILLER MOVES OUR OPPONENTS THROW OUR WAY...

UNDER-ESTIMATE THAT AND IT'S STRAIGHT TO THE PEARLY GATES!

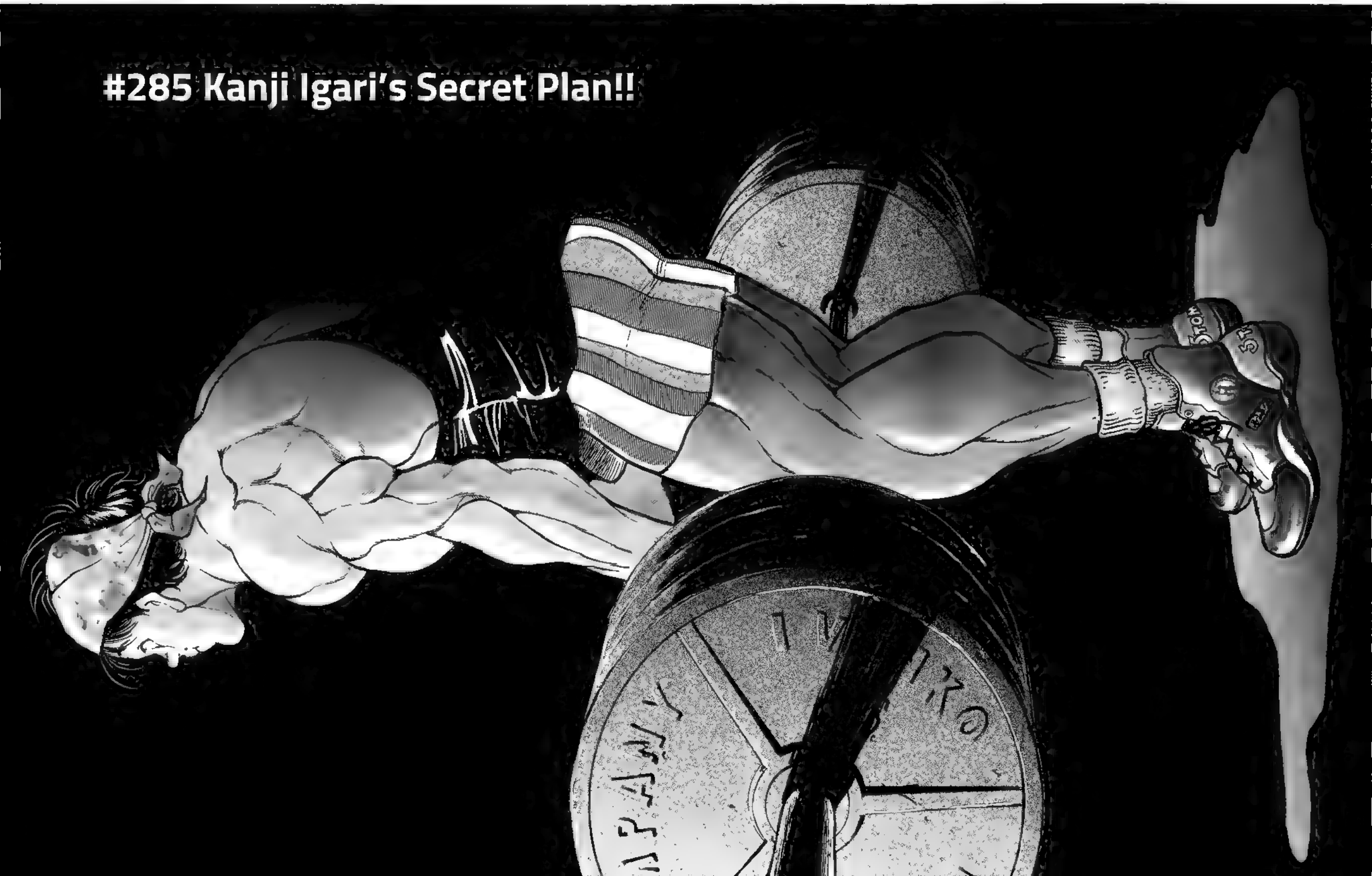
BY THE WAY, THAT PUNCH WASN'T MEANT TO DEAL DAMAGE.
INSTEAD, I HIT A PRESSURE POINT THAT'LL PARALYZE YOUR LIMBS FOR A MERE TEN SECONDS.
...!!!
I...
I CAN'T MOVE—
I'VE LANDED KNEE DROPS FROM THE TOP ROPE LIKE THIS.

WISH
...!
...!

SMASH



#285 Kanji Igari's Secret Plan!!



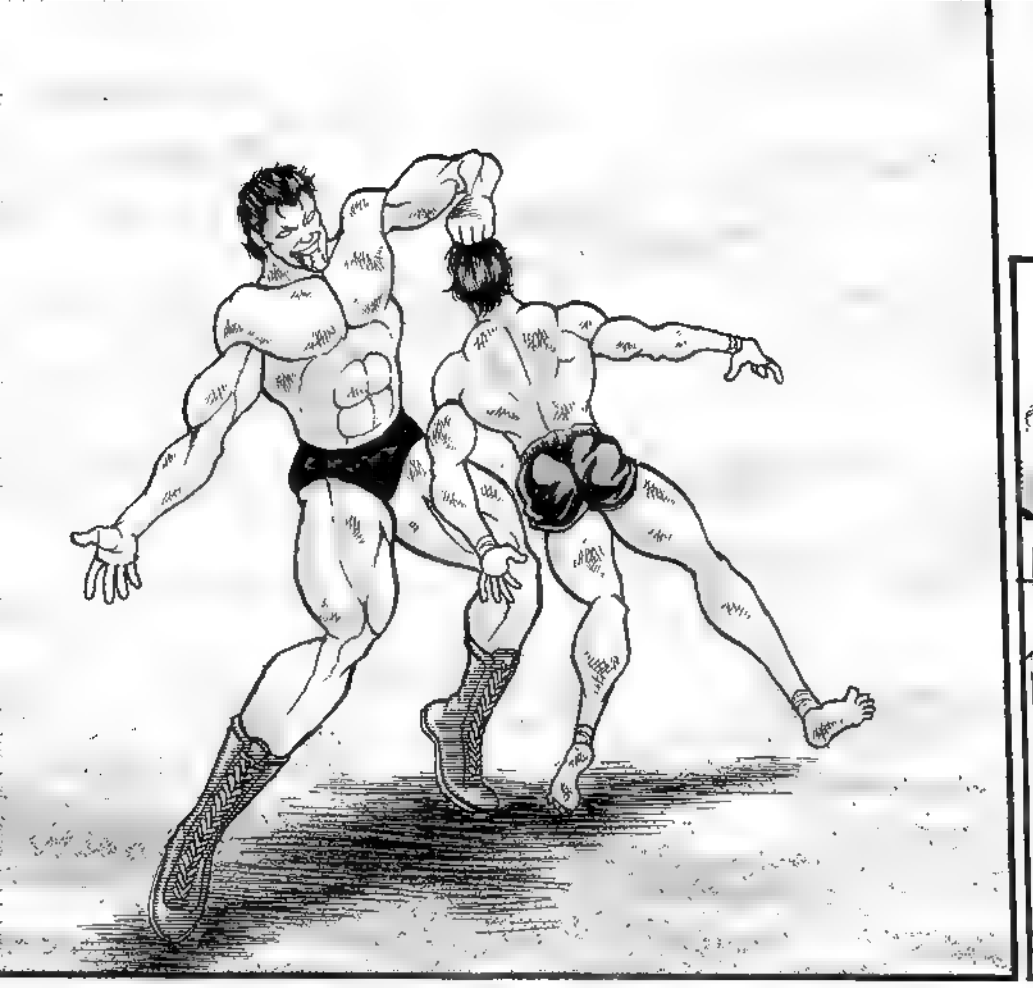
IT CONNECTS!

A KNEE DROP FROM THE TOP OF THE FENCE!!!

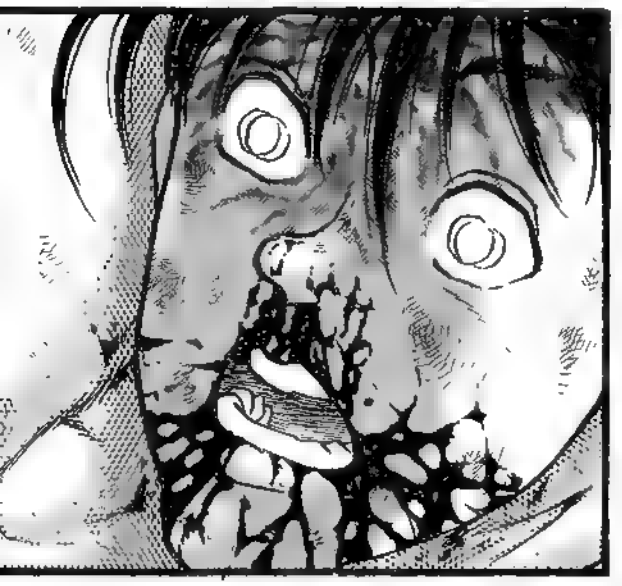
THIS COULD BE THE FIRST TIME SUCH AN ARCHETYPICAL PRO WRESTLING MOVE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED IN THIS ARENA!

KANJI IGARI IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!!!

GUH-FWAH!!!
PLSH
WOOOOO



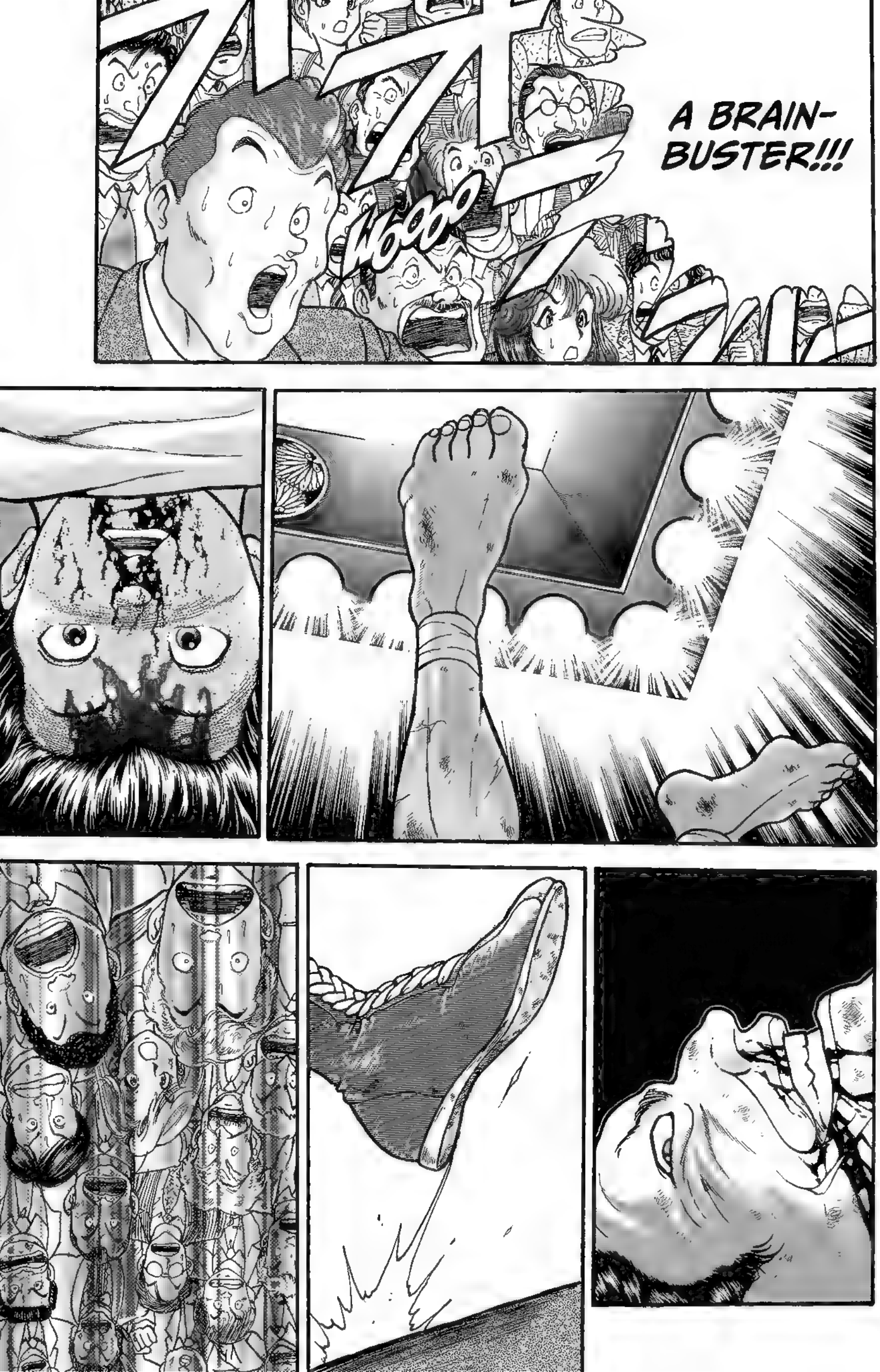
TUG



KRAK

HAH!

ANOTHER PRO WRESTLING MOVE!!!


A BRAIN-BUSTER!!!
WOOOO

GUARD

...!

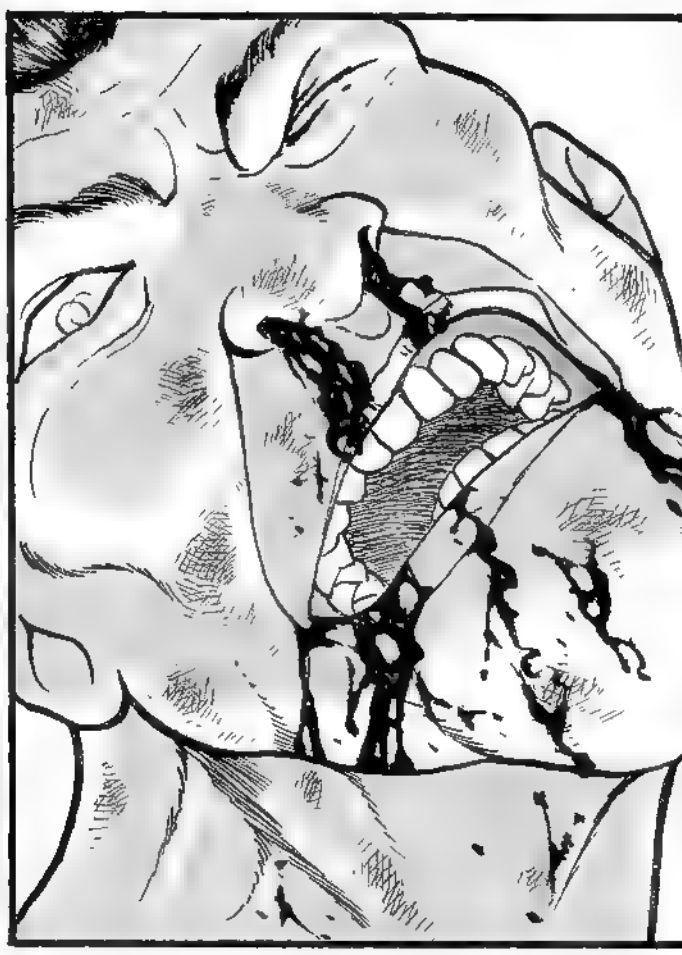
AWRIGHT !

KRAK

HUH?
SHF
WHAT ...?!
IS THAT A DOWN?
...
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
PRO WRESTLERS ARE IN BIG TROUBLE WHEN THEY FACE *THAT.*

WHISH

...HIS SPEED SURPASSES HUMAN REFLEXES.
WHEN A FIGHTER OF BAKI HANMA'S CLASS GETS SERIOUS...



BASICALLY, HE'S NOT EVEN GIVING HIM THE *TIME* TO READY HIMSELF.

HE HAS NO TIME TO STIFFEN HIS MUSCLES.

...IS THE SAME AS AN AMATEUR.

...A PRO WRESTLER'S ENDURANCE...

IN WHICH CASE...

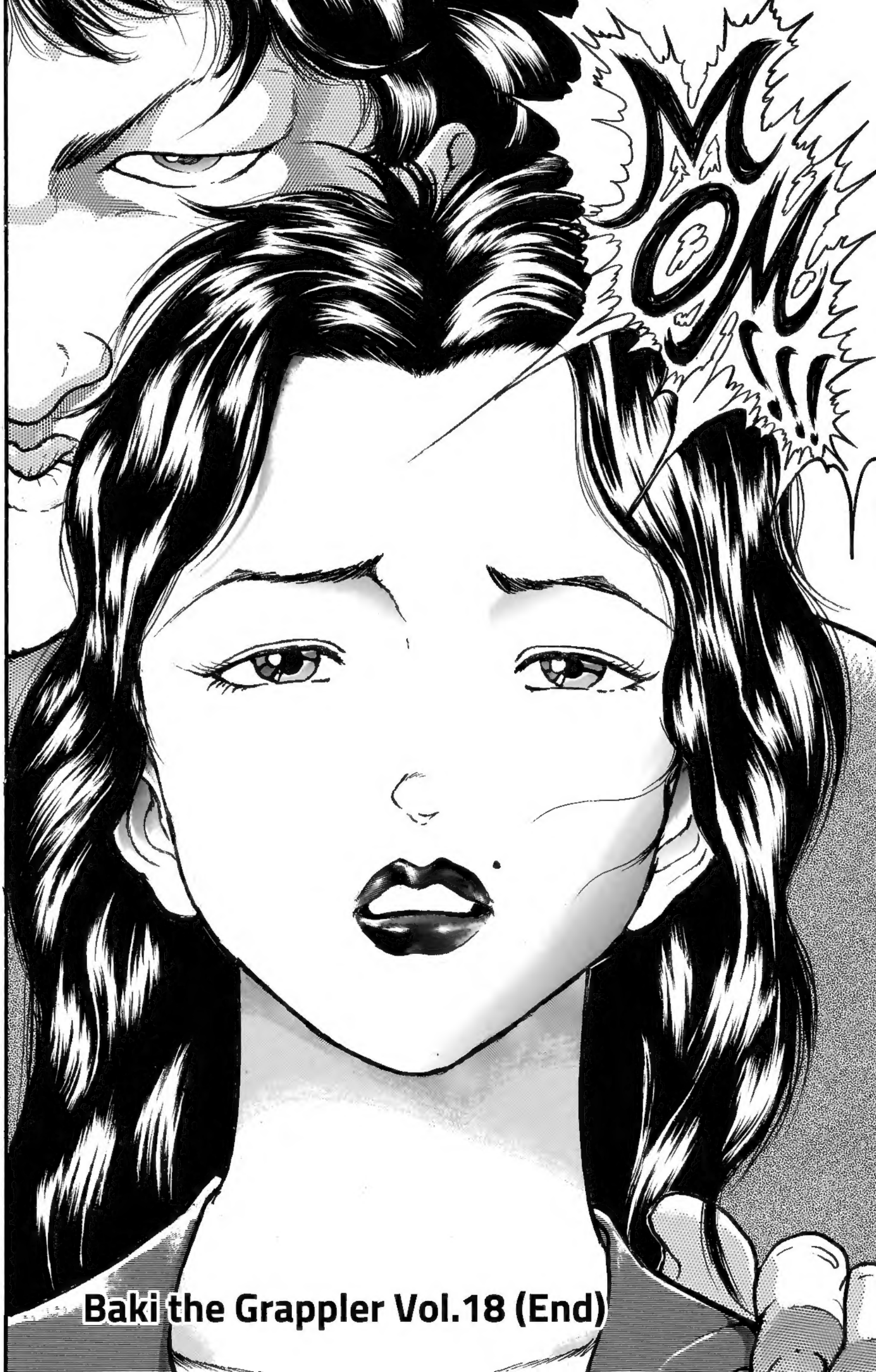
GRIN

HE IS A FOGEY AFTER ALL!
AS FAR AS SHEER POWER GOES, BAKI'S GOT IT IN SPADES!

HELL YEAH!

YES, BAKI MIGHT HAVE THE EDGE IN COMBAT PROWESS.
BUT AS FAR AS *HUMAN STRENGTH* GOES...
...I DOUBT THERE'S ANY COMPETITOR IN THIS TOURNAMENT WHO SURPASSES IGARI.
KUZUMI ...!
DO IT!!!

OKAY... THAT'S THE SIGN.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